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22% SCHOOL BUILDINGS IN INDIA OLD OR DILAPIDATED

Many of India's schools lack basic amenities, finds an audit by the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights

TOILETS WITHOUT RUNNING WATER

The report, based on a two-year-long survey of 26,071 schools across 12 states in north, west, east and north-eastern India, noted that 24 per cent schools lack water supply in toilets, meaning students have to carry water from outside, posing a safety risk. Also, more than half of the schools (51%) don't have special toilets catering to the differently-abled

MAJOR SAFETY LAPSES

- There's no zebra crossing outside 99% of the schools surveyed
- Another worrying finding is that about 22% of them have high-voltage wires/transformers within or adjacent to their premises
- There were some positive findings as well. For instance, most schools now have separate toilets for boys and girls

54%

SCHOOLS NOT PROVIDING MID-DAY MEALS AS PER THE STIPULATED MENU

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Dissent cannot be shut down, says Apex Court

SC allows Rajasthan High Court to rule on the challenge to disqualification notices by Congress rebel MLAs

KANU SARDA @New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Thursday observed that the voice of dissent cannot be suppressed, else democracy will shut down, while refusing to restrain the Rajasthan High Court from delivering its verdict on a petition by rebel Congress MLAs challenging the disqualification proceedings initiated against them by state Assembly Speaker C P Joshi.

A three-judge bench comprising Justices Arun Mishra, B R Gavai and Krishna Murari was hearing the Speaker's petition's questioning the July 21 Rajasthan High Court order directing him to extend the time given to the rebel lawmakers to reply to the disqualification notices. Interestingly, the same bench will hear a 2009 contempt petition against senior advocate Prashant Bhushan on Friday.

Representing Joshi, senior advocate Kapil Sibal said the HC cannot give such a direction in view of the 1992 Constitution Bench judgment that courts cannot interdict the Speaker from proceeding before a final decision is taken.

"The question is can voices of dissent be shut down like this? Can a person elected by the people not express his dissent? Voice of dissent cannot be suppressed. Then democracy will shut," remarked Justice Mishra, adding that the court will hear the matter at length on Monday.

During the hearing, Sibal said: "Proceedings under the 10th Schedule are proceedings before the Legislature and cannot be interfered with... There are allegations against the MLAs. They have given statements to the media. Why are they not replying to the disqualification notices?" To the bench's poser on whether a whip can be issued outside the House, Sibal said it was not a whip but a notice issued by the chief whip for a Congress Legislature Party meeting. P9

ASSEMBLY SESSION SOON

Confident that he has ample support, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot on Thursday said an Assembly session will be called soon and his government will prove its majority | P9

KARNATAKA COVID-19 BATTLE

5,030

Karnataka registers the highest single-day spike so far

2,071 RECOVERIES IN THE DAY | **97** DEATHS WITH 48 FROM BENGALURU

TOTAL CASES 80,863

1,616 Total deaths | **29,310** Recoveries so far

Bengaluru, with 2,207, registers the most number of cases once again, followed by Raichur (258), Kalaburagi (229), Dakshina Kannada (218) and Belagavi (214)

In Chitradurga, more than 400 cops are in home quarantine leading to shortage of police personnel in the district

REPORTS: P4

BSY's 5 take on Cong over 'Kaurava' jibe

ANUSHA RAVI @ Bengaluru

ON a day the state witnessed over 5,000 new Covid-19 cases, politicians in the state were engaged in their own 'Kurukshetra' on Thursday, with volleys as to who were the Kauravas and who the Pandavas.

It all started with Congress State President D K Shivakumar, while reiterating allegations of misappropriation of funds against the B S Yediyurappa government in Covid-19 procurements, referred to the BJP leaders as "Kauravas of Kaliyuga".

Barely minutes later, an agitated Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa was all set to counter Congress' allegations. But he chose to let five of his ministers — almost as if in response to the Congress' jibe of 'Kauravas' with his 'Pandavas'— counter the opposition's claims by revealing actual funds spent so far by each department.

"We have come here to respond just as the Pandavas responded to Kauravas. We are here, the Pancha Pandavas," thundered Revenue Minister R Ashoka, who led the BJP charge. The ministers accused the Congress of politicising the pandemic.

The ministers — Deputy CM C N Ashwath Narayana, Ashoka, Basavaraj Bommai, Dr K Sudhakar and Shivaram Hebbar took turns to rubbish the Congress charge while giving out details of funds spent by their ministries towards tackling Covid-19. Home Minister Bommai even turned down the demand for a probe stating that an investigation into false allegations was not the solution. Officials have already presented all necessary documents to the Public Accounts Committee, he added.

At a joint press conference earlier, Leader of the Opposition Siddaramaiah and Shivakumar tore into the government accusing its ministers of misappropriating money in the garb of procurement. "The total money spent on Covid management is Rs 4,167 crore whereas state Health Minister B Sriramulu says only Rs 324 crore has been spent. Equipment and materials were purchased at double or triple the cost. At least Rs 2,000 crore has been pocketed by ministers and officials," Siddaramaiah had alleged. SEE: P3

TAKING IT TOO FAR

PIC SOURCE: TWITTER

BBMP workers seal two flats in an apartment complex, belonging to a Covid-19 positive person and his neighbour, in Domlur on Thursday. The act invited scorn after a resident posted photos on social media. The BBMP top brass then scrambled to the spot and ensured that the sheets were removed | P2

Incentives linked to production on drawing board for 5 more sectors

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

IN a bid to boost local manufacturing and attract new investments to labour-intensive productive sectors to lift the coronavirus-stricken economy, the Centre is working on a plan to offer production-linked incentives for four or five sectors, Economic Affairs Secretary Tarun Bajaj said on Thursday.

This will be in addition to similar concessions already announced for certain sectors in the recent past.

Tarun Bajaj

Without naming which sectors will be given the incentives, Bajaj said "the industrial segments that will be chosen will be a mix of sunrise sectors, export-oriented sectors and those that are facing serious challenges due to the economic disruption".

He was speaking at a virtual conference organised by industry chamber FICCI.

Earlier this month, the government had announced production-linked incentives for large-scale electronic goods manufacturers to reduce dependence on imports from China. Incentives have also been announced for pharmaceutical companies for production of bulk drugs and on medical devices.

Bajaj added the government will expand the scope of the MSME credit support scheme to benefit more people who are facing liquidity crisis due to protracted lockdowns and restrictions due to Covid-19

Terming the economic growth in June and July "more promising than thought", he said the central government is expecting India to make a quick 'V' shaped economic recovery from the sharp fall in GDP growth caused by economic disruptions in the wake of the novel coronavirus pandemic.

"The 14 to 15 parameters we are tracking are showing promising results," Bajaj said.

However, the projections could go wrong if Covid-19 hits the country very hard, "which is highly unlikely", he added.

He also conceded that the government may not meet the Budget targets for 2020-21 due to the Covid-19 crisis but claimed the contraction in economic growth may not be as severe as being pointed out by some experts.

'NO PLAN TO PRINT MONEY AS OF NOW'

The Economic Affairs Secretary also said that monetisation of debt is not on the government's agenda at the moment, noting that there are some positive signs on the revenue collection front. Monetisation of debt means the central bank will print currency for the government to take care of any emergency spending and to bridge its fiscal deficit

These policy changes are urgent and necessary to help boost the economy that has been severely hit by Covid-19. Industries too have to make up for the lost man-hours

Jagadish Shettar, Industries Minister

New industry policy aims to keep state in top league

ANUSHA RAVI @Bengaluru

THE Karnataka Cabinet on Thursday approved a new Industrial Policy which increases the cap on quarterly overtime for labourers, under the Factories Act, 1948, to 125 hours from the existing 75 hours. Women workers can also be deployed on night shifts. In a separate amendment to the Small Factories (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Services) Bill, 2014, the cabinet exempted MSMEs with up to 20 employees from compliance.

Focused on attracting investments of up to Rs 5 lakh crore and creating 20 lakh jobs over the next five years, the cabinet on Thursday approved its New Industrial Policy 2020-2025. Large and Medium Scale Industries Minister Jagadish Shettar said the policy is aimed at maintaining Karnataka's industrial growth rate at 10 per cent per annum.

The cabinet brought in numerous changes in the form of ordinances in the run-up to the new industrial policy. "The changes made to land or labour rules are nothing but liberalisation of existing laws," Shettar told *The New Indian Express*. CONTINUED ON: P7

EYE ON CHINA

MORE CHINESE MISSIONS IN THE US MAY BE SHUT DOWN

Says President Donald Trump hours after Washington ordered closure of Beijing's consulate in Houston to "protect intellectual property".

EXPRESS READ

Centre okays 'larger roles' for women in Army

The Ministry of Defence has issued an order for grant of permanent commission to women officers in the Army. Army spokesperson Col Aman Anand said this has paved the way for women officers to shoulder "larger roles" in the Army. | P9

Serum Institute starts work on Covid vaccine

The Pune-based Serum Institute of India, which has partnered with Oxford University and AstraZeneca for production of the Covishield vaccine, has begun early production for the Phase-3 clinical trials. The SSI has to conduct field trials before getting the final nod.

Pak has blocked all legal remedy to Jadhav: Govt

New Delhi: India on Thursday said Pakistan has once again blocked all legal remedies to Kulbhushan Jadhav. "The whole exercise of not providing unimpeded consular access exposes the farcical nature of Pakistan's approach," the Ministry of External Affairs said. | P9

U-turn after move to stop spamming

RICHA SHARMA @ New Delhi

SPAMMING can be irritating irrespective of how good the cause may be. But if it's not done for unethical purposes, invoking a draconian anti-terror law to put the spammers out of business would be monstrous, as has happened with the Friday for Future India (FFI), the Indian chapter of a global climate movement by students led by Swedish activist Greta Thunberg.

Greta Thunberg

The activists were booked under the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA) for sending thousands of emails to Union Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar criticising a draft Environment Impact Assessment 2020 notification.

On July 8, the Delhi Police Special Cell sent a notice to Endurance Domains Technology LLP, an internet service provider hosting FFI's domain, asking it to block the group's website as their "unlawful activities may disturb peace, sovereignty of India".

The site was taken down two days later. But after the action snowballed into a big controversy, the police on Thursday claimed they have since remedied the error by withdrawing UAPA charges and serving a new notice under the IT Act.

The earlier notice said: "The website depicts objectionable contents and unlawful activities or terrorist acts, which are dangerous for the peace, tranquillity and sovereignty of India. The publication and transmission of such objectionable contents is a cognizable and punishable criminal offence under Section 18 of the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act."

"Govt muzzles young environmental voices," the FFI tweeted. "We don't have any hatred or work against any particular leaders or the government. We are just concerned for our deteriorating environment," said 8-year-old activist Licypriya Kangujam.

Violence against docs: IMA writes to PM, CM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE Indian Medical Association, New Delhi, and its Karnataka branch, as well as the Karnataka Association of Resident Doctors (KARD) have condemned Wednesday's violence at the Civil Hospital in Belagavi where an ambulance was torched after a Covid-19 patient died. They have also denounced the incident at KC General Hospital in Bengaluru where doctors were attacked by attendants of a patient.

In a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa, IMA-Karnataka said, "The recent spurt of attacks on doctors and hospitals is alarming. Though stringent ordinance on Epidemic Diseases Act was promulgated by your esteemed government, none of the above cases of violence on doctors, are being recorded in FIRs." P4

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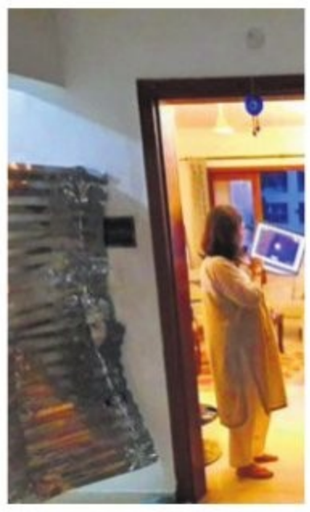
• Moon in Kanya Rashi • Rahukaala: 10:30 am to 12:00pm
• Gulikakala: 07:30 am to 09:00 am • Yamaganda: 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm

WEATHER WATCH
MIN 21°C | MAX 27°C
FORECAST
Thundershowers. Mostly cloudy

Sunrise 6.03 am
Sunset 6.48 pm
Moonrise 9.21 am
Moonset 10.01 pm

BBMP seals 2 flats with tin sheets, causes uproar

Officials remove barricade after severe backlash from residents



Hours after it sealed two flats in a Domlur apartment, BBMP was forced take off the tin sheets and block the corridor instead after the tweet went viral | PIC SOURCE: TWITTER

The person was found positive on Sunday. Though there was a poster on the door stating the person was positive and the neighbour was a primary contact, on Thursday the officials started nailing sheets on the door. When we questioned them, they said that they knew their job and it was part of the set procedure and protocol. We kept quiet thinking that it was a new procedure. We had not told anyone to do so.
Residents

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THE Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike 'sealed' two houses with tin sheets on Thursday after a resident tested positive for Covid-19. The civic body, which was embarrassed after the 'tin sheets' went viral on social media, removed them later.

It all began when the residents of a prime apartment complex in Bengaluru found two flats in the complex being sealed down with asbestos sheets.

An alert resident posted two photographs on social media, where the contractors were seen 'sealing' down the home of a Covid-19 positive person and that of his neighbour in Ranka Apartment complex, Domlur, with tin sheets in the afternoon.

The residents alerted the BBMP Mayor and Commissioner on the 'sealing' of the two flats. Stating that this is a fire hazard, they wanted to know what the senior citizens or children will do if there is a fire. Many netizens shamed the government and the BBMP for the act. As the news spread and it caught the attention of the BBMP officials, they rushed to the spot to remove the sheets.

BBMP Commissioner N Majunatha Prasad took to Twitter to reply: "I have ensured removing of this barricade immediately. We are committed to treating all persons with dignity. The purpose of containment is to protect the infected and to ensure uninfected are safe. We are committed to addressing any issues that result in stigma. Apologies over the enthusiasm of the local staff (sic)."

Dr Basavaraj, nodal officer, in charge of Covid containment zones, told *The New Indian Express* that action was being taken against the engineer and the contractor. This is not acceptable, as despite detailed training on how to seal down areas, this has been done, he said.

The engineer, however, tried to defend himself and said the contractor and the ground staff went ahead on the request of the apartment complex residents. "Since the residents do not want any problems, they asked us to seal down the apartments on the floor and this was done. But now it has been cleared," he said.

According to the residents, "The person was found positive on Sunday. Though there was a poster on the door stating the person was positive and the neighbour was a primary contact, on Thursday the officials started nailing sheets on the door. When we questioned them, they said that they knew their job and it was part of the set procedure and protocol. We kept quiet thinking that it was a new procedure. We had not told anyone to do so."

YET TO TAKE OFF

A pushcart vendor sells belts and masks near KR Circle in Bengaluru on Thursday. The Covid-19 lockdown has hit a lot of vendors due to lack of customers | SHRIRAM BN

Exempt vulnerable teachers from Covid duty, says Kumar

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

GIVING in to pressure from teachers' associations, Primary and Secondary Education Minister S Suresh Kumar on Thursday wrote to Bruhat Bengaluru Mahangara Palike Commissioner to implement the exemption from Covid duty given to vulnerable teachers.

The BBMP issued an order on July 9 exempting school teachers aged above 50, those with disabilities, illnesses, and pregnant teachers from Covid duty in Bengaluru. Despite this, they have been asked to monitor patients at the ward-level, ensure they keep medical appointments and maintain records, causing anxiety among teachers, the minister said in the letter.

Primary Teachers' Association president Chandrashekar Nugli told TNIE that many of 5,000 government school teachers in Bengaluru North and South (educational divisions) are eligible for exemption.

"Even though we approached senior education department officers, we were told no such exemptions were given to teachers. How could this be possible? So we approached the minister, who wrote to the BBMP commissioner," Nugli said.

WFH for private school teachers Despite a government order permitting work from home for school teachers up to July 31, there have been instances of private schools asking employees to come to work.

"Some teachers are from high risk areas. They come to host online classes, which can be done at home. It increases the risk of spread not just to us but also people in their families who may have co-morbidities," said a CBSE teacher.

Suresh Kumar had told TNIE that the work from home order must apply to private schools too.

P Ranganath, School Teachers' and Administration Forum president, said changing rules and orders had led to confusion. "The work from home order is only for government teachers. But some private school teachers are still going to work for online classes," he said.

Corona cover: Insurance firms' list out

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TO ensure that citizens are not deprived of treatment and hospitals do not deny treatment citing insurance as a reason, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) commissioner Manjunath Prasad released a list of insurance firms which will insure those admitted for Covid-19 treatment.

In a release, he mentioned the amount which is to be levied and the time frame within which the amount should be processed.

The list includes 29 general and health insurance firms - SBI, Acko, Aditya Birla, Bajaj Allianz, Bharti AXA, Cholamanadalam MS, Edelweiss, Future, Go Digit, HDFC Ergo, ICICI Lombard, IFFCO, Tokio, Kotak Mahindra, Liberty, Magma HDI, Manipal Cigna, Max Bupa, Navi, Raheja QBE, Reliance, Religare, Royal Sundaram, Star Health and Allied, Tata AIG, New India Assurance, The Oriental, United India, and Universal Sompo.

Under the Corona Kavach, citizens get a sum of Rs 50,000 to Rs 5 lakh insured and the policy period is three-and-half months to nine-and-a-half months. Those aged between 18 and 65 years can avail the policy and depen dents can also be insured.

The policy states that any comorbid condition triggered due to Covid-19 shall be covered during the hospitalisation period.

LATE PAYMENT WILL ATTRACT INTEREST ON WATER BILLS

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

IF you fail to pay your monthly water bills, you will end up paying a little extra as the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board will be levying interest on the bill amount.

In some areas, defaulters have already received the June bill with interest, which has been issued to them in July.

The government had announced a waiver of interest on unpaid bills for two months as people remained indoors due to the pandemic.

Engineer-in-Chief Kemparamaiah told *The New Indian Express*, "The interest is in line with the BWSSB Act. During April and May, when many consumers could not pay their bills due to the lockdown, we would have levied an interest of Rs 1.26 crore, but the government asked us to waive the interest," he said.

The waiver will not be applicable from June, and the bills need to be paid in July or later, he added. "BangaloreOne centres which were shut earlier have opened now. We are also encouraging people to switch to online payment completely," he said.

The interest amount works out to 20% per annum. "The interest for the months not paid will reflect in the bills issued," he added.

PAY YOUR BILLS ONLINE

BWSSB's official website (www.bwssb.gov.in) specifies that water meter readings of all consumers and payment can be made through it. 'BWSSB Payment App' is also available and Quick Pay can be made through this app. Payment can also be made through Paytm, Phone Pe, Google Pay etc.

KAUVERY BHAVAN 2ND FLOOR SHUTS

After a technical engineer in the Technical Assistant section of the Maintenance department tested positive, the second floor of Kauvery Bhavan, where all the BWSSB offices are located, was shut from Monday. "It is expected to reopen on July 27 after the floor is sanitised fully. As many as 18 staffers have been advised to be home quarantined," said Kemparamaiah. Another engineer at Shimsha Bhavan too tested positive forcing the closure of that office.

KIA warmed to 25°C to keep air safe for flyers

BENGALURU: Keeping in mind the safety of flyers during the pandemic, fresh air intake inside KIA has been enhanced. All air-conditioned premises are maintained at a temperature of 25°C. According to a Bangalore International Airport Limited spokesperson, the temperature at KIA has been increased to comply with the recommended 24-30°C temperature range. In the pre-Covid period, the temperature was maintained at 23°C.

This is in line with the guidelines issued for the operation and maintenance of air-conditioned spaces. Business appears to be warming up, with a special consignment of 24,200 ornamental fish arriving from Thailand recently, and being sent to Kozhikode in Kerala. ENS

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

24th July: I would pick out Virgo as a key sign for the coming period. My reasoning is that this is the most careful sign, and this is a careless time. Therefore those of us who follow Virgoan rules manage the details of our lives with great precision will win out in the end. Those of us who leave everything to chance could be the losers!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
Assertive Martian alignments should now be having an effect, and today they're joined by emotional lunar patterns, indicating that if you should feel like showing off or being a bit of a prima-donna, go right ahead! And if you want to re-live former triumphs, why not?

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
Keep your wits about you at all times, mainly because what is now taking place away from your gaze will affect your future interests. It may be next week before you discover what partners are doing. The simple solution is to see to it that your own plans are watertight.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
At work and at home you must keep the talking going, aware of the need for agreement. At the very least you must make sure that loved ones know your views on a promised gathering or engagement. If you explain yourself, then they can't pretend they didn't understand you!

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
It's time to get out and indulge in a spot of shopping therapy, hopefully today, but tomorrow will do if you really are tied up just now. There's nothing like spending a bit of money on an overdue treat to lift your morale. But, then, you still need a long-term solution, so don't imagine that you're off the hook!

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
You are bathed in beneficial lunar alignments, and these are bound to make you feel increasingly emotional - and more compassionate. You may also be a little gullible, and hence a soft touch for some! So, keep a weather eye open for roving confidence tricksters.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
You do tend to worry, and sometimes you wonder if you've backed the wrong horse. However, right now you should allow yourself a great deal more space to consider the options and give current developments time to work themselves out before making rash decisions.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
Your social stars are beginning to look more buoyant, and you should keep your eye open for new friends and fascinating meetings. Where romance is concerned, it looks very much as if security is increasingly the main issue. You want to hang on to what you've got.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
Strident planetary aspects force you to choose between home and work, between family interests and outside ambitions. Once you have made your position clear, others should give you the freedom to go your own way. But is that really what you want? You won't know unless you've got it!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
Let the past take care of itself and concentrate on the untried and untested solutions of the future. It will do you a power of good to improve conditions at work, spreading a bit of colour around and generally raising the quality of life. And while you're at it, why don't you reassure people you live with that you're right behind them?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Perhaps long-term financial commitments and obligations are causing concern, but you will have to understand that partners may not share your outlook. Relax and trust a little more in the healing power of time. It's strange how what is so important today can be completely forgotten tomorrow.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
It's a fairly stressful day, but by no means a bad one. Much depends on how far you are prepared to welcome change, and to what extent you can turn friction to your advantage. It may be a cliché, but do look on the bright side, won't you? After all, optimism breeds success.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
Stay busy and keep active. It's a day to cope with routine chores, getting as much accomplished as you possibly can. The essential rule is that the harder you work now, the more time you'll have off later on. I know you know that, but it's worth reminding yourself, all the same.

THE PHANTOM

I'M GOING TO HAVE A SOAK, CLEAR MY HEAD, THEN WE'RE GETTING OUT OF HERE, DEVIL!
FORBIDDEN FOREST, THE LLONGO SAID...
WHAT DO THEY KNOW THAT I DON'T?
Falk

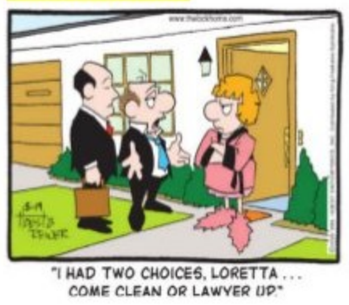
HI AND LOIS

BEETLE BAILEY

BLONDIE

I NEED SOMEONE WHO CAN HANDLE AN EXTRA RESPONSIBILITY
BOSS, I'M ALREADY OVERWORKED!
I COULDN'T POSSIBLY HANDLE ANY EXTRA WORK
I NEED SOMEONE WHO CAN MAKE SURE THE BREAK ROOM STAYS NICE AND NEAT
WELL, I'VE NEVER BEEN ONE TO BACK DOWN FROM A CHALLENGE!

LOCKHORNS



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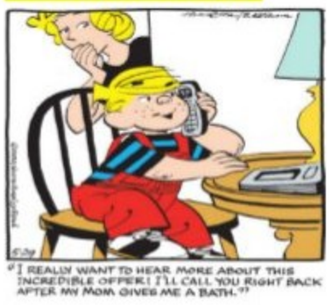

Test your number crunching skill with our unique puzzle

SUDOKU

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EVIL

- Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.
- Each sudoku has a unique solution that can be reached logically without guessing.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

1	9	5	2	4	3	6	8	7
2	7	3	9	8	6	4	1	5
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7	8	4	3	2	1	5	6	9
9	3	2	7	6	5	1	4	8
6	5	1	8	9	4	7	3	2
5	1	9	4	3	2	8	7	6
3	2	7	6	1	8	9	5	4
8	4	6	5	7	9	3	2	1

JUMBLE — THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

RUBOR
DEUNG
OLIWLW
LGENIJ

Was the steak cooked long enough?
Eww!
Steak sauce?
Let the chef know he nailed it!
HIS STEAK HAD BEEN COOKED THOROUGHLY, WHICH HE CONSIDERED A ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: DEPTH CLOUT HUNGRY FIGURE
Answer: The company's new facility for producing granite and marble countertops was — CUTTING EDGE

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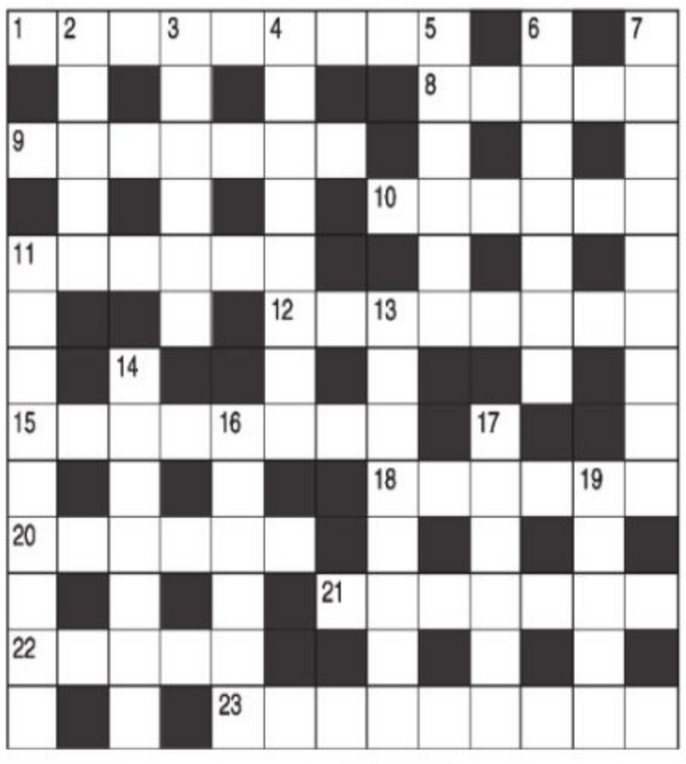
CROSS WORD



ACROSS

1 Applied no makeup but was brilliantly arrayed (9)
8 I note and see nothing in such a home (5)
9 King surrounded by subjects in sunny area (7)
10 Strips for an eye catching effect (6)
11 Cause for sanity (6)
12 Serviceman set about alteration of the range (8)
15 Don't forget a bent one needs reshaping (4,4)
18 Go ahead with leash attached (4,2)
20 Easily swayed? (6)
21 Time coming round to be in credit (7)
22 With time a small work becomes a major one (5)
23 He doesn't accept the orthodox view of tiredness (9)

DOWN

2 Possibly eager to approve a proposal (5)
3 Strongly disapprove of what a model will do after work? (6)
4 One with a permit to break silence over a point (8)
5 Enjoy sitting around quaint inn eating (6)
6 Heavens, what a cast! (3-4)
7 Until pool is improved there's contamination (9)
11 Missiles that make spells of fighting warm (9)
13 Puts in again (2-6)
14 It secures plaster cast (7)
16 Song and dance get little publicity (6)
17 Possibly croon about a furry animal (6)
19 Overweight roundheaded wild bees (5)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Succour, 4 Admit, 7 Reno, 8 Fair Isle, 10 Stagnation, 12 Stigma, 13 Stormy, 15 Make a scene, 18 Open-eyed, 19 Etui, 20 Edict, 21 Yule log.

Down: 1 Sorts, 2 Cannabis, 3 Roasts, 4 Airhostess, 5 Mesh, 6 Therapy, 9 Enemy agent, 11 Oriental, 12 Scrooge, 14 Merely, 16 Eying, 17 Peri.

NSRCEL, the startup and innovation hub of IIM-B, has invited applications to the third cohort of the Women Startup Programme. The programme focuses on the Centre's vision for an 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' and 'Vocal for Local'

LOCKDOWN RELIEF

Aid for SC/STs to take up self-employment

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @Bengaluru

THE State government will soon provide financial aid to the people from the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe to take up self-employment. The beneficiaries will be those who lost their jobs or are facing financial crunch due to the pandemic-lockdown. This time, funds will be released directly from various boards and corporations that come under the Social Welfare Department, and not banks.

A sum of Rs 50,000 per beneficiary will be given. Of which, Rs 25,000 will be from the State government and the remaining as loan. This is expected to help those who would like to take up small businesses including vegetables and fruits selling through push cart, flower vendors, to sell fish and even sheep-rearing.

Under the Social Welfare Department, there are six to seven corporations including Valmiki Scheduled Tribe Development Corporation, Ambedkar Development Corporation, Bhovi Development Corporation and Safai Karmachaari Development Corporation. All these corporations ensure the community benefits from the welfare schemes announced by the State government.

The department already provides funds to eligible beneficiaries through banks. However, the procedures are long-drawn. According to the sources from the Social Welfare Department, Deputy CM and Minister for Social Welfare Govind Karajol is keen on helping those who are facing issues due to lockdown. "Instead of releasing funds to beneficiaries through banks, it will be done through boards and corporations for faster disbursal. There are thousands of people from this community who have lost jobs, or not getting daily wages. They don't have any financial support," said an official.

Speaking to The New Indian Express, Kumar Naik, Principal Secretary, said they will identify the beneficiaries assembly-wise.

Drunk ex-techie killed in fight with teen daughter

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In a freak incident, a 46-year-old widower was killed during a fight with his 15-year-old daughter in Mico Layout police station limits in the early hours of Thursday.

The deceased is Saptak Banerjee, formerly a software engineer. His wife had passed away around nine years ago, and Banerjee lived with his 15-year-old daughter and nine-year-old son at Mantri Paradise apartment on Bannerghatta Road.

Police said that Banerjee, who recently quit his job, was addicted to alcohol and allegedly harassed his children over trivial issues frequently. On Wednesday night, he consumed alcohol and started playing the keyboard. As it was late, his daughter asked him to stop playing music, saying it was disturbing her and her brother, and went to sleep. However, when he continued playing music into the wee hours, the girl again asked him to stop. This allegedly led to a verbal duel between the father and daughter.

"Banerjee allegedly took a pair of scissors and tried to kill his daughter, who resisted him. But the father, who was inebriated, fell and the scissor pierced through his chest. He died on the spot. The girl reported the matter to some relatives and neighbours, who alerted us," police said.

DCP (South East) Srinath Mahadev Joshi said the girl in conflict with law was booked under Section 304 (culpable homicide not amounting to murder) of the IPC. A case was registered at Mico Layout police station.

Probe purchase of medical equipment: Siddu

Opposition leader releases documents to substantiate claims, asks state for a legislative session to discuss issue

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ALLEGING irregularities in the purchase of medical equipment to the tune of Rs 2,000 crore, State Congress leaders on Thursday demanded a judicial inquiry by a sitting judge of the High Court. They also urged the State government to convene a legislature session to discuss this.

"The government spent Rs 4,167 crore on Covid management, but there is corruption to the tune of Rs 2,000 crore which needs to be probed," Opposition Leader in the Assembly Siddaramaiah said while addressing a joint press conference with KPCC president D K Shivakumar. The State government, meanwhile, has rubbished all allegations.

Siddaramaiah, who released some documents to the media to substantiate his allegations, said the State government purchased equipment at a much higher price compared to Tamil Nadu and Kerala. He also accused the government of procuring poor quality equipment and paying firms even before getting the equipment in hand.

"The Congress will continue to cooperate with the State government in the fight against the pandemic, but we will not cooperate with fund misuse," he said, referring to Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa's appeal to the Opposition to cooperate with the government during the crisis.

Regarding the government's explanation that equipment prices varied due to high demand and fewer suppliers in the initial days of the pandemic, Siddaramaiah questioned that when Kerala and Tamil Nadu could procure equipment at a lower price, how could officials here claim otherwise.

The Congress accused the government of purchasing ventilators, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) kits, thermal scanners, sanitizers and other medical equipment at higher rates. "Thermal scanners available in the market for Rs 1,500-Rs 2000, were bought for Rs 5,945 by the State government," he said.

On ventilators, he said the Centre purchased 50,000 ventilators from the PM Cares Funds for Rs 4 lakh each, Tamil Nadu purchased 100 transport ventilators for Rs 4.78 lakh each. But Karnataka purchased the first batch of ventilators on March 22 for Rs 5.6 lakh and the second batch for Rs 12.32 lakh. On March 24, the third batch was purchased for Rs 18.2 lakh," he charged.

He also accused the government of purchasing PPE kits from China.

Claiming that the PPE kits were available in the market for Rs 330 each, Siddaramaiah said 3.5 lakh kits were purchased from a Maharashtra-based firm for Rs 2,117 each. He added that there were several complaints regarding quality, forcing the government to return 1.25 lakh kits.

Former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and KPCC President D K Shivakumar address a press conference in Bengaluru on Thursday | SHRIRAM B N

> The Congress will continue to cooperate with the State government in the fight against the pandemic, but we will not cooperate with fund misuse
> Siddaramaiah, Leader of Opposition

What Rs 2K cr corruption? Ministers ask Congress

ANUSHA RAVI @ Bengaluru

SHOOTING down the Congress' demand for an investigation into alleged misappropriation of funds in the procurement of Covid-19 equipment, five ministers of the BS Yediyurappa government lashed out at the opposition party, and presented figures of expenditure from their departments. This was in response to the Congress' 'Kaurava' jibe, and demand to check accounts.

Deputy Chief Minister Dr C Ashwath Narayan, Revenue Minister R Ashoka, Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai, Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar and Labour Minister Shivaram Hebbar took turns to delegitimise Congress allegations of misappropriation of about Rs 2,000 crore, while Health Minister B Sriramulu chose to remain silent.

"From the Revenue department, Rs 232 crore has been released to PD accounts of District Commissioners. As part of migrant relief measures, Rs 56 crore was released for accommodation, food and clothes for 30 districts. For quarantine, sample collection and screening for 30 districts, Rs 35 crore was released. In all, Rs 159 crore was spent," said Ashoka.

Referring to himself and his cabinet colleagues as 'Pancha Pandavaru', Ashoka compared the cost of ventilators bought in January 2019 during the JDS-Congress rule. "When there was no pandemic, they bought nine ventilators costing Rs 21.73 lakh, our only high-end ICU ventilator is about Rs 18.2 lakh," he said.

Shooting down the Congress' demand for an investigation, Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai said, "An investigation is not the solution. Officials presented documents to Public Accounts Committee. If these allegations have any basis, an inquiry can be considered. We will not order one."

Ashwath Narayan said the Health department had spent only Rs 290 crore on equipment, while Labour Minister Shivaram Hebbar listed out expenditure by his ministry. "We have spent only Rs 892 crore so far, including Rs 816 crore via DBT to construction workers. Of Rs 76 crore, Rs 25.27 crore was spent on food, Rs 44.89 crore on dry ration kits, Rs 1.43 crore on transportation of migrants," he said.

The strongest criticism came from Dr K Sudhakar. "My department has spent only Rs 33 crore to buy 140 ventilators, each costing Rs 13.30 lakh. If you (opposition) think you can resurrect Congress using corona, people will reject you," he said.

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My client Mr Shreedhara. T. N, son of Nagaraj residing at No Thaggikuppe, Magadi Taluk, Ramanagara - 562 210. Lost/misplaced the original sale deed, Document YAN-1, No.6833/2018-19, dated:- **29.10.2018**. Survey No.164, situated at Addevishwanathapura Village, Hesaraghatta Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk,measuring 1 Acre 3 guntas (including 2 guntas Kharab) of land,
My client lodged a complaint at Bangalore City Police on **19.06.2020**, Lost report No-077676/2020. Intimating loss of the aforementioned document and any person (s) finding the said original document may please hand over the same to the undersigned or if any person has any claim in the said property, he /she/they shall intimate the same in writing with documentary evidence to the undersigned within 7 (seven days) of the publication of this notice, after which date no claims will be entertained.

Manjunatha Advocate
M: 8861234743

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform all and whomsoever it may concern that my client is intending to purchase the schedule property from its present owner **Sri H Ramu S/o late Sri Huchhaiah,** Aged about 68 Years, Residing at H.No.5, 6th Cross, D Group Main Road, Lingadheeranahalli, Andhrahalli Main Road, Vishwaneedam Post, Bangalore – 560 091 Now, my client is intending to avail loan from the Banks / Financial institutions by mortgaging the schedule property.

If any other person/s has/have any manner of right, title, interest, demand, claim, charge or lien over the schedule property, they are hereby requested to file their objections to the Sale transaction & Mortgage of the said property to the Financial Institutions / Banks and shall inform/object the same in writing along with the photocopies of the documents relied for such claim/objections, through the registered post with acknowledgement due to the undersigned **within 10 days** from the date of publication of this notice.

If no valid claim/objection is received by the undersigned as aforesaid, my client shall proceed to purchase the schedule property by availing loan from the Banks / Financial Institutions by mortgaging the schedule property deeming that no one else has/have any manner of right or claim or interest whatsoever over the schedule properties.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece & parcel of the immovable property bearing Site / Property No.11 in Block No.5 (BBMP No.465 & 482 – Southern side of the property bearing No.11/465, measuring towards East to West Northern side 30.0 ft, Southern side 30.9/2 ft and towards North to South Eastern side 30.0 ft & Western side 37.3 ft. totally measuring 1021.35 sq. ft.), in the layout formed by the Karnataka Class D Employees' House Building Co-operative Society Ltd in Sy.Nos.35, 36 & 38, situated at Lingadheeranahalli Village, Yeshwanthpur hobli, Bangalore North Taluk and bounded on the **East by :** Site No.464, **West by :** Site Nos.466 & 481, **North by :** Site Nos.482, **South by :** 30 ft. Road.

Sd/- RAGHAVENDRA P HOGADE
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"ALOKA MANSION" No.19, 3rd Block , 10th B, Main Road, Jayanagar Branch, Bangalore - 560011.

POSSESSION NOTICE

TJSB/BNG/549/20-21 Date: 20.06.2020

To,
1) Mr. Venkata Rao G M, # 63, K R Garden, 2nd Stage, 1st Cross, Cox Town, Jeevanahalli, Frazer Town, Bengaluru : 560005 ..... **Borrower**
2) Mr. Krishna Moorthy M, # 126/2, 2nd Cross, Cox Town, Rama Temple Street, Jeevanahalli, Bengaluru : 560005 ..... **(Guarantor/Mortgagor)**

Dear Sir/ Madam,
Ref : : Account No. 101/SS-M/32 of Mr. Venkata Rao G M –TJSB Housing Loan.
Please refer to 60 day's notice dated 20/01/2020 issued under Section 13(2) of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.
The amount due to the Bank as on 20/01/2020 is Rs.32,44,494/- (Rupees Thirty Two Lakhs Forty Four Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Four only) with further interest until payment in full.Despite the above notice, the amount due to the bank has not been paid.We have, therefore, decided to take physical possession of the secured asset, the details of which were given in the said notice and are also given hereunder:-

(Details of Security)
All that piece and parcel of converted land bearing Sy,No.98/1, presently BBMP Katha No.29, Sy No. 98/1, measuring 0-13.08 Guntas, out of 1 acre Conversion Order No. ALN (E) SR/44/13-14, Dt: 04.09.2016 issued by the DC Bangalore Situated at Horamavu Village K R Puram Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bounded on : East by Remaining land in Survey No. 98/1, West by Road and remaining land in S.y.No. 98/1, North by Road and remaining land in Sy.No. 98/1, South by Land bearing Sy No. 98/2. (Schedule A) Flat No. 403 in Fourth Floor, measuring 1164 Sq Ft of Super Built up area and 369 Sq Ft of Undivided share of land with one covered car parking space property at converted Sy No. 98/1, presently BBMP Khata No. 29, Sy No.98/1, Conversion Order No. ALN(E) SR/044/13/14 Dt: 04.09.2013 passed by the DC Bengaluru, Situated at Horamavu Village, K R Puram Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Building known as " Nandanam Paradise".
You are hereby called upon to deliver possession of the secured asset above detailed before 20/07/2020 failing which I, the undersigned, as 'Authorized Officer' of TJSB Sahakari Bank Ltd. (secured creditor) will take possession of the above said secured asset on 21/07/2020 at any time between 11.00 a.m. to 05.00 p.m.
We are also informing police authorities to depute their personnel on the date, time and place to avoid breach of peace or any untoward incident.
Please be informed that the possession will be taken at your risk and cost. Please be also further informed that after taking possession, necessary watch & ward arrangements
will be made at your risk and cost. Insurance of the secured asset, if need be, will be done at your cost. Further action for sale of the secured assets will follow.

Yours faithfully,
(AUTHORISED OFFICER)
TJSB SAHAKARI BANK LTD.
Secured Creditor

CC to the Superintendent of Police/Commissioner of Police.

The possession of the secured asset will take place at # Sy,No.98/1, presently BBMP Katha No.29, Sy No. 98/1, measuring 0-13.08 Guntas, out of 1 acre Conversion Order No. ALN (E) SR/44/13-14, Dt: 04.09.2016 issued by the DC Bangalore Situated at Horamavu Village K R Puram Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bounded on : East by Remaining land in Survey No. 98/1, West by Road and remaining land in S.y.No. 98/1, North by Road and remaining land in Sy.No. 98/1, South by Land bearing Sy No. 98/2. (Schedule A) Flat No. 403 in Fourth Floor, measuring 1164 Sq Ft of Super Built up area and 369 Sq Ft of Undivided share of land with one covered car parking space property at converted Sy No. 98/1, presently BBMP Khata No. 29, Sy No.98/1, Conversion Order No. ALN(E) SR/044/13/14 Dt: 04.09.2013 passed by the DC Bengaluru, Situated at Horamavu Village, K R Puram Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Building known as " Nandanam Paradise".on 21.07.2020 at any time between 11.00 a.m. to 05.00 p.m. The above place is coming within the jurisdiction of COX Town . It is requested that the SHO of the Cox town Police Station may be directed to depute sufficient police personnel tomaintain law and order and to avoid breach of peace or any untoward incident. If thereis any change as to the date of possession, the same will be informed to your goodselfwith a request to make necessary arrangements for deputation of the police personnel.

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POSSESSION NOTICE

TJSB/BNG/548/20-21 Date: 20.06.2020

To,
1.Mr. K Raja, #26, CMH Road, 20th Cross, Lakshmipuram, Ulsoor, Bangalore – 560008 Ph No - 8892255225 ..... **(Borrower)**
2. Mrs. Manjula, #26, CMH Road, 20th Cross, Lakshmipuram, Ulsoor, Bangalore – 560008, Ph No – 9035898755 ..... **(Guarantor)**
3. Mr Selvaraj Shivakumar, #298/2, 11th Cross, Wilson Garden, Bangalore - 560027. ..... **(Guarantor)**

Dear Sir/ Madam,
Ref : : 1. Account No. 101/SS-M/18 of Mr. K Raja –TJSB Housing Loan.
2. Account No. 101/PSLN-M/170 of Mr. K Raja –TJSB Personal Loan.
3. Account No. 101/CC/10 of M/s Om Sai Solution.
Please refer to 60 day's notice dated 06/03/2020 issued under Section 13(2) of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.
The amount due to the Bank as on 06/03/2020 is Rs.12,23,363/- (Rupees Twelve Lakhs Twenty Three Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Three only) with further interest until payment in full.
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Measuring East To West :28 Ft, North to South: 15 ft & bounded by
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According to the state health department bulletin, between July 17 and July 22, 24,153 Rapid Antigen tests have been conducted, and 1,30,119 RT-PCR, CBNAAT, True NAT tests have been conducted as a whole

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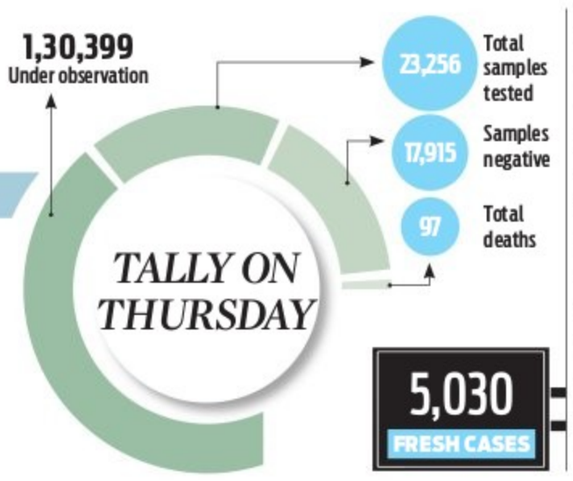

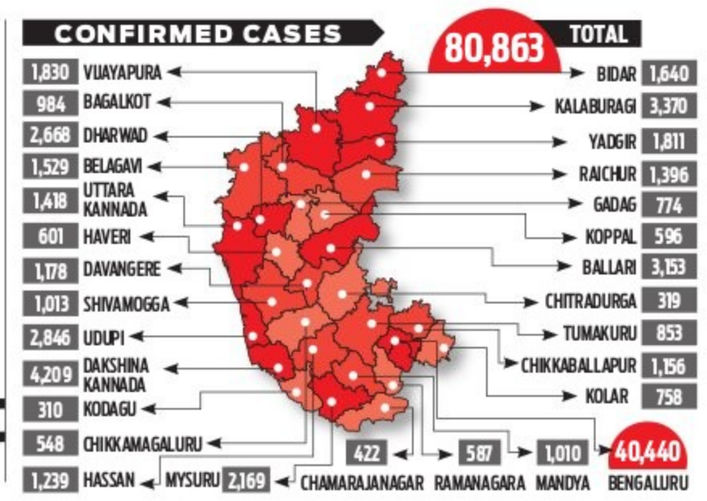

5,030
Sharp spike in cases, tally crosses 80K

DEATH TOLL NOT REAL-TIME, BACKLOG STILL UNDER COUNT

Officer says this is result of BBMP inefficiency, and is creating fear in state

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THURSDAY brought a shocker for Karnataka, with 5,030 new coronavirus cases registered in 24 hours, with 2,207 of these from Bengaluru alone. This is the highest daily spike so far, taking the state tally to 80,863 cases.

In all, 97 deaths were reported, 48 of which were from Bengaluru alone.

Once again, the State health department bulletin chose to omit patient details on contact, travel history, gender, age, district, etc. Health Commissioner Pankaj Kumar Pandey and Additional Chief Secretary of Health and Family Welfare Jawaid Akhtar were unreachable for comment on why patient details are not being revealed.

Raichur took second slot with 258 cases, followed by Kalaburagi with 229 cases, Dakshina Kannada with 218 and Belagavi with 214 cases.

On the bright side, 2,071 people were discharged in a single day, 1,038 of whom were from Bengaluru and 301 from Dakshina Kannada.

Of 97 deaths, 67 were patients with Severe Acute Respiratory Infection, 20 had Influenza-Like Illness, while 10 other deceased are still having their contacts traced. Of 640 people in the ICU, 361 are from Bengaluru Urban.

CHETANA BELAGERE @Bengaluru

FORMER principal secretary to the department of health and family welfare M Madan Gopal has alleged that there has been a total lack of coordination among BBMP officials in giving out the number of Covid-related deaths in the daily bulletin. Due to this, a scare has been created in the minds of people in Karnataka, and hence, the daily death toll is anywhere from 60 to 90.

"I have informed the chief secretary about how the state health bulletin in the past 10 days is actually not providing real-time data, and instead, is giving out the count of deaths which happened the previous week or even the previous month," Gopal told TNIE.

He said that these kind of numbers, when put out in public, tend to create fear among people.

"Every day, the number of deaths in the bulletin is quite high, but when I analysed the cases, I found that there would be only two or three deaths on a particular day, but the bulletin would have 60 or more," he explained.

Gopal said that disclosing correct data to the public is very important during such a pandemic. "When correct information doesn't reach the public, it creates unnecessary fear and leads to knee-jerk reactions. We should instil confidence in the public, not create fear," he said.

A health worker collects samples of patients at a new swab collection centre in Mysuru on Thursday | UDAYSHANKAR S

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> M Madan Gopal, former principal secretary, Department of Health and Family Welfare

However, according to sources in the health department, there is a huge backlog of deaths which BBMP is still compiling, and hence, there is a delay in giving out real-time data. BBMP was also accused of fudging the data. To this, Madan Gopal added, "They are not fudging data, it's pure inefficiency and lack of coordination. The chief secretary has assured me that once the backlog is cleared, the correct data will be provided in the health bulletin. My intention is to dispel fear and build confidence, not point out errors."

When asked, Munish Moudgil, officer in charge of the State War Room, told TNIE, "No state will want to inflate deaths. I will check with BBMP on this."

SKEWED MORTALITY FIGURES

Total number of deaths as per the State Govt health bulletin

20 JULY	72	12	Under Annexure 3, deaths from 19 July and 20 July
	60		DEATHS FROM THE PREVIOUS MONTH
21 JULY	61	11	Deaths from 20 July and 21 July
	50		DEATHS FROM THE PREVIOUS MONTH
22 JULY	55	9	Deaths from 21 July and 22 July
	50		DEATHS FROM THE PREVIOUS WEEK
23 JULY	97	13	Deaths from 22 July and 23 July
	84		DEATHS FROM THE PREVIOUS TWO WEEKS

Health workers receive safety gear under the state Congress' Arogya Abhaya Hasta scheme, in SG Palya, Bengaluru, on Thursday | MEGHANA SASTRY

Asymptomatic patients filling up beds, say docs

RANJANI MADHAVAN @Bengaluru

EVEN while the health department has directed only moderate to severe cases of Covid-19 patients be admitted in hospitals, asymptomatic patients are still filling up the beds in some cases, say doctors. This is happening even while there are home isolation and Covid Care Centres guidelines and infrastructure in place.

"Mild and asymptomatic patients who are less than 50 years old with no co-morbidities can either get home-quarantined or sent to a CCC. This should be done to reduce load on hospitals and ensure beds are available for patients who need oxygen. However, we are getting a lot of BBMP admission referrals wherein the patients are stable and do not need to be in the hospital," a Covid-19 duty doctor from a private hospital said on the condition of anonymity.

"BBMP itself is sending these patients with admission references and then it cracks down on hospitals taking those admissions. For hospitals, asymptomatic patients are easy money with no extra work. It is like running a hotel and BBMP is aiding this by not training their staff properly and not monitoring them," the doctor added.

A few doctors told TNIE that some asymptomatic patients are referred by ministers, MLAs or other influential people and these requests cannot be denied. "BBMP refers patients who are not too old, are without co-morbidities and do not suffer breathlessness. There seems to be confusion. These asymptomatic cases only have mild fever, cough and cold. Once the bed is occupied, it cannot be used for serious cases for the next 10 days. We need to use our resources more efficiently," said a consultant physician of a corporate hospital.

BBMP Commissioner N Manjunatha Prasad said that the guidelines are clear and that officials and hospitals have been given instructions.

"We made it clear that those with mild or no symptoms will be sent by the BBMP staff and the triage team either for home isolation or CCC. Hospital beds must be reserved for patients with complications," he said.

COVID FALLOUT

Mob stoned BIMS, tried to attack staff

TUSHAR A MAJUKAR AND SUNIL PATIL @ Belagavi

THE violence that broke out late Wednesday outside Belagavi Institute of Medical Sciences (BIMS), in which a group of people torched an ambulance, has left healthcare staff at the hospital in fear. The irate mob, apparently angry over the death of a Covid-19 patient, also threw stones at the hospital and vehicles, and attempted to attack the healthcare workers.

In an overnight search operation, Belagavi police succeeded in arresting 14 miscreants in connection with the violence. The staffers held a protest on Thursday, demanding security.

A 55-year-old suffering from respiratory illness was admitted to the district hospital on July 19. While treatment was on, the medical staff had collected his throat swab for a Covid test. When he tested positive, he was shifted to the Covid ward, but died on Wednesday, without responding to treatment.

When news of his death reached his relatives, they started a verbal clash with medical staff, alleging that the patient had died due to negligence. At least 30 people, most of them youth, gathered outside the hospital and tried to attack doctors and medical staff, and stoned the hospital building before setting the ambulance ablaze. This incident created tension both inside the hospital and outside, and police beefed up security in the area.

BIMS doctors and other staffers stage a protest in front of the admin block, requesting better safety measures for them, on Thursday | ASHISHKRISHNA HP

Police commissioner K Thyagarajan said, "We have already arrested some people related to the violence. Some are still underground. Legal action will be taken against the guilty."

Healthcare staff speak out

Meanwhile, healthcare staff who were targeted by the violent mob, shared their horrifying experience. "It was an unexpected attack. Terrified, I was searching for a place to hide, and ran to take shelter in a toilet, but it was already full of others hiding there. I had no place to hide," said a nurse, her eyes still full of fear.

She spoke to TNIE while joining an agitation along with other BIMS staffers in Belagavi on Thursday morning. Hundreds of agitators protested in front of the administrative block.

Deputy Commissioner M G Hiremath rushed to the spot to calm down the agitators. BIMS Director Dr Vinay Dastikop and other officials were present.

The medical staff protested while adhering to social distance norms. Agitators discussed the incident with authorities and withdrew the agitation after the DC assured them of security

'Doctors been working day and night, such violence will demotivate them'

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THE IMA referred to four incidents of violence in Karnataka in the last 25 days. The two other incidents include a treating physician who was manhandled and beaten while the ambulance driver who tried to protect the doctor was grievously hurt in Yelahanka. The other incident was where a government surgeon was mentally harassed, threatened, humiliated with verbal abuse in Moodigere, Chikkamagaluru.

"Doctors have been working day and night for the past 4-5 months due to the pandemic and such violence will further demotivate all healthcare workers," said Dr Srinivas, state secretary, IMA Karnataka.

In a press release, the Karnataka Association of Resident Doctors (KARD) said that in order to condemn the violence on health care workers and to raise other issues, they have called for a nation-wide symbolic protest on July 24 where medicos will sport black bands. They also demanded arrest and legal action against culprits involved in incidents in Belagavi and at KC General Hospital. They also condemned atrocities on doctors in Bidar and demanded action.

Their other demands include ensuring safety protocols at all hospitals and Covid Care Centres, immediate release of funds towards hiked stipend, Covid duty and night duty allowances, ensuring adequate supply of N95 masks, face shields, surgical gowns in all non-Covid working areas, good quality PPEs for all Covid working areas, etc.

The IMA, Delhi, in a statement issued by Dr Rajan Sharma, national president and Dr R V Asokan, honorary secretary general, called for a comprehensive solution with a powerful deterrent central law. "Hospitals should be declared as safe zones and provided with three-layered security, solid investment in health with public infrastructure and human resources as focus," they said.

Officials reassure BIMS staff after the violence at the hospital, in Belagavi, on Thursday | ASHISHKRISHNA HP

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> Indian Medical Association, New Delhi

COVID WATCH

CM CONTINUES REVIEW OF B'LURU ZONES

Bengaluru: Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa on Thursday continued his review of individual zones in Bengaluru. He visited Bengaluru East, West and Yelahanka zones. "While the government has tied up with big hospitals for beds, in my zone, I have started collaborating with small hospitals with bed capacity less than hundred at the ward level, to ensure admission of Covid patients. This will lower the burden on the BBMP," said SR Vishwanath, in-charge of Yelahanka zone. The CM will review South Zone today. ENS

Despite staff crunch, Kodagu's discharge rate stays high

PRAJNA G R @Madikeri

A TOTAL of 120 doctor posts are lying vacant at Kodagu Institute of Medical Sciences (KIMS) and the district Health and Family Welfare Department combined, and the district administration has invited tenders to fill them. But despite the staff crunch, Kodagu seems to be efficiently battling Covid-19, with over 180 patients being discharged following treatment.

Claiming that it is the coordination between the KIMS management and the health department that has enabled this, Kodagu DC Annies K Joy explained, "The medical college team has taken complete charge of the Covid Hospital. But while the college has senior and specialist doctors, they are few in number. These doctors have to treat severe and moderate patients at the Covid Hospital."

Further, asymptomatic patients and those with mild symptoms admitted at the Covid Care Centre are treated by MBBS and Ayush doctors of the department. "A senior doctor from the medical college will, however, monitor the work of the junior doctors from the health department. We ensure that there is no pressure on our limited staff," she added.

Meanwhile, since the cases – especially the asymptomatic ones with inter-district travel history – are increasing in the district, stress will be laid on home isolation to handle staff and bed shortage. "In Kodagu, most houses are located in good at a distance from each other. Hence, asymptomatic patients will be advised home isolation and their health will be monitored on a daily basis by final-year MBBS students of the medical college, who will report the same to the district surveillance office," she explained.

Regarding the successful treatment of Covid patients in the district, Medical Superintendent of Kodagu District Hospital, Dr Lokesh, said, "Asymptomatic patients are being discharged, as per government guidelines, only if test results turn negative on the 10th day. A patient with cancer had tested positive and was admitted to the ICU, but our medical team successfully handled the case and similarly, three other patients who were admitted in the ICU have been discharged following successful treatment."

Homegrown ventilator trials shortly

ENS @Bengaluru

SWASTHVAYU, the first Indian-made non-invasive ventilator, will begin clinical trials at Manipal Hospitals, Bengaluru. It is developed by the National Aerospace Laboratories (NAL), Bengaluru, in collaboration with Dr Satyanarayana Mysore, HOD, Pulmonology Respiratory & Sleep Medicine, Lung Transplant Physician at Manipal Hospitals, Bengaluru, and Dr Anurag Agarwal, Director of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) - Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology.

Currently non-invasive ventilators are imported by India. Given the pandemic, SwasthVayu is expected to cater to patients requiring respiratory support. The portable ventilator is equipped with advanced features like Bi-level mode, Continuous Positive Airway Mode, Spontaneous modes and 3D printed HEPA-T filter adapter connected directly to the non-ventilated mask.

"Instead of an invasive ventilator, a tight fitting mask will be placed over the patient's nose and mouth. Air pressure will expand the lungs and also aid in breathing. It can be readily used on patients with unsatisfactory breathing. We started work in February and it took two months to develop the prototype," Dr Mysore said.

Imported non-invasive ventilators cost between Rs 60,000 and Rs 1 lakh, but this will cost half the price, he said. Apart from Covid patients, these ventilators can benefit patients suffering from other respiratory disorders.

"The respiratory valve has a filter, so when the person breathes out, the viral particles will be trapped and won't spread to health workers," he added.

AMBULANCE OPERATORS CAN NOW DIAL CONTROL ROOM FOR TRAFFIC CLEARANCE

The State government on Thursday told the Karnataka High Court that Bengaluru Traffic Police have come up with a method to clear routes for ambulances. The traffic police control room will be alerted by ambulance operators before they pick up patients and the department will act accordingly. The State filed a memorandum before the division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice M Nagaprasanna in this regard.

BACK TO BUSINESS

After the week-long lockdown in Bengaluru was lifted, scores of people throng Chickpet on Thursday | SHRIRAM BN

'Publish EIA rules in regional languages'

Karnataka High Court asks Centre to give 'wide publicity' to controversial notification

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THE Karnataka High Court on Thursday asked the Centre to give "wide publicity" on the draft Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) notification, 2020 in all the regional languages.

On Thursday, the Centre, quoting Environment (Protection) Rules, 2006, said there was no need to publish the draft EIA in any other language other than English and Hindi. However, the court said there was need for publication of the draft rules in all the regional languages.

The court observed that the matter needed detailed hearing and posted the case to August 5. Earlier, the court had also asked the Centre to extend the date of filing of public objections and suggestions beyond August 11. The Delhi high court had extended the deadline from June 30 to August 11 and also questioned the notification publication in only two languages.

"Even as the country was gearing up for lockdown, the NDA government quietly issued EIA, 2020 which follows its mantra of 'ease of doing business' in totality for many industries without any environmental clearances," said the petitioner, Bengaluru-based United Conservation Movement (UCM), a citizens' movement for environment-related issues.

During the pandemic, the notification has been restricted to its official website and gazette while many people were not even aware of its existence, it said. It petitioned the court that earlier, such notifications were published in vernacular newspapers but the draft EIA, 2020 failed to do this. So, citizens have been deprived of their right to file their objections/suggestions for such an important notification which is a violation of natural justice, the petition said.

Meanwhile, activists said in Bengaluru that the Centre's action against websites which had been campaigning against the EIA, 2020 and blocking one of the websites under UAPA was draconian.

Hospitals to give data on beds regularly: HC

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THE Karnataka High Court on Thursday asked the state government to issue direction to all hospitals to supply data on beds available regularly so that it can be updated on the online portal for status on Covid beds.

A division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Alok Aradhe issued the direction after the state government informed there is no real-time data on beds available but it will be updated online when hospitals provide the details.

The bench asked the state government to inform whether the risk allowance being given to Group-D employees can be extended to employees working at hospitals on contract basis also. The bench asked whether the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan insurance scheme can be extended to contract workers and cleaning and sanitisation staff in government hospitals.

Meanwhile, BBMP Counsel V Sreenidhi informed the court that salaries of pourakarmikas are being directly credited to their bank accounts and PPE kits have been given to all. "A compensation of Rs 10 lakh and Rs 25,000 for funeral expenses have been paid to relatives of four workers who died of Covid. All the hospital charges were also borne by the BBMP," he said.

Meanwhile, the bench said it is the duty of BMRCL to ensure that contractors take steps for safety of workers.

COVID FALLOUT

IIMB syllabus to see many changes

PEARL MARIA D'SOUZA @Bengaluru

WHILE students of the Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore (IIMB), were eager to get back to usual classes as networking remains a crucial component for Management education, newly-appointed director of the institute, **Prof Rishikesha T Krishnan**, said the institute is making efforts to promote social connection and online learning.

"We would love to have our students back on campus. But, this will happen when the government announces that it is safe to do so," he said. He was responding to *TNIE*'s queries over e-mail. Krishnan explained the short, medium, and long-term changes planned at the institute in terms of operation and syllabus.

In the short-term changes, he said, IIMB's priority is to offer the best possible educational experience through online classes. "We have made special efforts to upgrade our digital education infrastructure and digital teaching skills of our faculty. Classes are progressing smoothly," he added.

Explaining the medium-term changes, he said, the institute needs to blend the asynchronous courses designed for highly successful MOOC platforms (free online courses available for anyone to enroll), with synchronous learning on digital platforms to offer integrated digital learning experiences.

As far as curriculum is concerned, he added, "Just last year while teaching my Strategy course, we discussed case studies on the airline industry and Airbnb. We never imagined that the airline and hospitality industries would be in such dire straits just six months later."

Krishnan said issues related to supply chain management, contingency planning, employee health and safety, and business continuity management have come to the fore.

Delivery horror: Agent grabs, harasses woman

MG CHETAN @Bengaluru

A delivery boy working with a leading e-commerce company allegedly sexually harassed a 25-year-old woman in Garudacharpalya recently. The woman has lodged a complaint with the police.

The alleged incident took place on Monday when the delivery boy came to her residence to deliver an order she had placed. As per the complaint, the delivery boy, Arun Kumar, came at 10 am and handed over the item she had ordered. As it was a cash on delivery order, the woman tried to pay online. Due to network issues, the payment did not go through.

"To make the payment, I had to use WiFi. The router was in my house on the second floor. The delivery boy asked me if he could use my washroom. I allowed him to use it on humanitarian grounds. When he came out, he behaved indecently and sat on the sofa. When I objected and said I will cancel the order, he forced me to pay up. As I went into the room to get the cash, he forcibly hugged me from behind and tried to pull me towards him. Frightened, I ran out of the house to escape," the woman stated in the complaint.

The police, who have taken up a case, have booked the accused under sections 354A (sexual harassment) and 509 (word, gesture or act intended to insult the modesty of a woman) of the IPC. Police said that they have information about the absconding accused and he will be nabbed soon.

Edu advisor urges Karnataka MLAs to adopt govt schools

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A LETTER has been submitted to Karnataka Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa to enforce a legislation wherein all 224 MLAs of the state adopt three government schools each in their respective constituencies. Karnataka has about 54,000 government primary schools which are in need of a facelift.

Professor M R Doreswamy, advisor to the state government on education reforms, had written to the CM recently, following which Magadi MLA A Manjunath adopted three schools.

"I kindly request all the remaining MLAs of Karnataka, corporate companies and philanthropists to come forward and adopt a minimum of three government schools each," said Doreswamy.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client has negotiated to purchase the property more fully described in the Schedule from its owners viz., C V Vasantha Kumar and others residing at # 2/2, Vittala Malya Road, Walton Road, Bangalore-560001 (through GPA Holder Saiprasad PA for Vaishnavi Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd.)

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NOTIFICATION

Sub : Inviting applications for continuation of affiliation/ starting of new college/new courses, permanent affiliation etc. for the academic year 2020-21.

Ref : 1. Govt. Order No. ED 34 EGov 2020 (Part-2), dated 22-06-2020.
2. Vice-Chancellor's approval dated 22-07-2020.

Bengaluru Central University, Bengaluru invites applications through On-line, for opening of New College, continuation of affiliation to existing Colleges, Permanent Affiliation, Change/Additional subjects, Division of Faculty, Increase of intake, Change of name, Closure and withdrawal of a college, Transfer of Management etc, for the academic year 2020-21in its jurisdiction Viz, Karnataka Legislative Assembly Constituencies of **Shantinagar, Byatarayanapura, Yelahanka, Malleswaram, Hebbal, Shivajinagar, Gandhinagar, Chamarajpet, Chickpet, Basavanagudi, B.T.M. Layout, Jayanagar and Rajajinagar of Bengaluru District**.

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(Tender Inviting Authority : DIG (Technical Services)
Venue : DGP's Office Main Conference Hall)

Pre-Bid meeting	: 07.08.2020 & 11.30 a.m
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Sl. No.	Name of Borrower(s) /Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s)	Loan A/c No. And Total Outstanding Dues	Description of Immovable property / Secured Asset
(a)	(b)	(C)	(d)
1.	**(1) Mrs. Sangita Kumari Dash (Borrower)** No.38/5 "Kamadhenu" 3rd Floor, 1st Main, 1st Cross, Near Prasanna Theatre, Ganesh Temple Road, Cholurpalya, Magadi Road, Bengaluru 560023 **Also at: Kalinga Tech IT Solutions** **Designation:** Proprietor No.16, Magadi Main Road, Magadi Road, Bengaluru 560023 **Also at:** Flat -B-406, 4th Floor, Janaadhar Shubha 2 Medehalli Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, Bangaluru 560102 **(2) M/S Kalinga Tech IT Solutions (Co-Borrower)** No.16, Magadi Main Road, Magadi Road, Bengaluru 560023 **Also at:** Flat -B-406, 4th Floor, Janaadhar Shubha 2 Medehalli Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, Bangaluru 560102	**Loan A/c No 627428705 Rs.17,99,990/-. Due as on 31.05.2020** **Date of Demand Notice (d) 14.07.2020**	All that piece and parcle of the **Residential Two bed room Apartment bearing No.B-406,** having PID No.150200101700621033 and Assessment Number 1501/B-406 constructed on the Fourth Floor of Tower-11/Block-01, consisting of one hall, two bedroom, kitchen, two bathroom and a balcony in the residential complex apartment known as **'JANAADHAR SHUBH', having a carpet area of 454 sq.ft excluding balcony area (super built up area of 650 sq.ft.)** and proportionate share in common areas with a UDS of 313.4 sq.ft in the land on which the building is constructed, bounded on East by: Open Space, West by: B-405, North by: Block-2 and South by: Lobby, Constructed on the residentially converted land in Sy.No.39/1, 39/2, 40/3, 42/1 all situated at M.Medahalli, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, Bangalore, and is **bounded on the East by:** Lands in Survey No.43, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Mayasandra Gadi and **South by:** Lands in Survey No.41.
2.	**(1) Mr. Mari Swamy(Borrower)** No.20, 2nd Cross, 1st Main, ThulasiNagara, Magadi MainRoad, Bapagram, Vishwaneedam Post, Bangalore 560091 **Also at:** No.52, 2nd Cross, Tulasi Nagar, Hosahalli GollaraPalya, Bapagram, Vishwaneedam Post, Bangalore 560091 **Also at: Sri Lakshmi Venkateshwara Enterprises** **Designation:** Sales Co-Ordinator **Designation:** Marketing #011, Kumarapark West 3rd Main, 5th Block, Bangalore 560091 **Also at:** Plot 52, House 52, Hosahalli, Gollarpalya Yeshwantpur, Bangalore 560091 **(2)Mrs.Bhagyashree K P (Co-Borrower)** No.20, 2nd Cross, 1st Main, ThulasiNagara, Magadi Main Road, Bapagram, Vishwaneedam Post, Bangalore 560091 **Also at:** No.52, 2nd Cross, Tulasi Nagar, Hosahalli GollaraPalya, Bapagram, Vishwaneedam Post, Bangalore 560091 **Also at:** Sri Maruthi Provision Store **Designation:** Proprietor No.52, 2nd Cross, Tulasi Nagar, Bapagram, Bangalore 560091 **Also at:** Plot 52, House 52, Hosahalli, Gollarpalya Yeshwantpur, Bangalore 560091	**(1) Loan A/c No 626602353 Rs.20,19,296/- (2) Loan A/c No 628219369 Rs.2,54,218/- Due as on 31.05.2020** **Date of Demand Notice (d) 14.07.2020**	All that piece and parcel of an Immovable Residential Property bearing Site No.52 Khatha and Khaneshumari No.92/122, Situated at Hosahalli Gollarapalya Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, **Measuring East to West 40 Ft. And North to South 45 Ft.** Extent: 1800 Sq.ft. **Boundaries: East by :** Site No.51, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Road, **South by :** Site No.33.
3.	**(1) Mr.Chandan T (Borrower)** No.361,8th Main Road, 8th Cross, Padmanabha Nagar, Bangalore 560070. **Also at:** 57/38/1, ChamundiNivas, 19th Main Road, Padmanabha Nagar, Bangalore 560070. **Also at:** Anz. Operations and Technology Private Limited **Designaton:** System Change Manager **Department:** To Global Change Mgt **Employee No:** 772956 Campus 5A, Ground Floor, Eco world, Sarjapur-Marthahalli Outer Ring Road, Bellandur, Bengaluru-560103. **Also at:** Plot 1744, House 1744, 1st Stage, Devanur Layout Extension, N R Mohalla, Mysore 570007.	**1) Loan A/c No 632829164 Rs.22,12,823/- 2) Loan A/c No 632829171 Rs.35,99,199/- 3) Loan A/c No 633258753 Rs.97,021/-. Due as on 31.05.2020** **Date of Demand Notice (d) 13.07.2020**	All that piece and parcel of the property/ Site bearing No.1744 situated at 1st Stage, Devanur Extension Narasimha Raja Mohalla, Mysore measuring East to West40 Feet and North to South 60.00 Feet. Total measuring 2400 Sq.ft. The entire property is bounded on **East by:** Property bearing No.1745, **West by:** Property bearing No.1743, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Property bearing No.1737.And any construction thereon
4.	**(1)Mrs.DeepaSubramanyamGouravaram (*Borrower*)** Site 58/2, Pipeline Main Road, BBMP PID No.6-3-58/2, Ward No. 6, Malleshwaram, Bangalore 560003 **Also at:** No 7, 4th Cross, East Link Road, Malleshwaram, Near Big Bazar, Bangalore North, Bengaluru 560003 **Also at:** Sasken Communication Technologies Limited **Designation:** Senior Engineer **Department:** IT **Employee No:** 200042 No 139/25, Amar Jyothi Layout, Domlur Ring Road, Opp Dell, Bengaluru 560071 **Also at:** No. 48/1,3rdCross,VB Layout, K R Puram New Extension, Bangalore 560036	**Loan A/c No 619509731 Rs.58,56,329/- Due as on 29.02.2020** **Date of Demand Notice (d) 17.03.2020**	All that piece and parcel of the residential site bearing No.58/2,7th Cross, BBMP PID No.6-39-58/2,Ward No.6 Malleshwaram,Bangaluru, measuring East to West 46 feet and North to South 26 feet, totally 1196 feet and **bounded on: East by:** Property of Doraiswamy, **West by:** Property of Chinnappa, **North by:** Property of Fernandes, **South by:** Road.

*with further interest @ 18% p.a. as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc incurred till the date of payment and / or realization.

If the said Borrowers shall fail to make payment to **HDFC Limited** as aforesaid, then **HDFC Limited** shall proceed against the above Secured Asset(s) / Immovable Property (ies) under Section 13 (4) of the said Act and the applicable Rules entirely at the risk of the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) as to the costs and consequences.

The said Borrower (s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) are prohibited under the said Act to transfer the aforesaid Secured Asset (s) / Immovable Property (ies), whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of **HDFC Limited.** Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the Act or Rules made thereunder shall be liable for imprisonment and/or penalty as provided under the Act.

Place: Bangaluru.
Date: 24.07.2020

Sd/-
Under the SARFAESI ACT, 2002
Authorized Officer HDFC LIMITED

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -2 AT BENGALURU

No. 4, LIC Building, Residency Road, Bengaluru -560025

OA No. 1240/2017

BETWEEN

Karnataka Gramin Bank
Bidare Branch, Chelur Hobli, Gubbi Taluk
Tumukur District - 572117
Represented by its Branch Manager
.... **Applicant**

AND

Sri. Narasimhiah
and others ....**Defendants**

To

3A) Smt. Bhagyamma
w/o. Sri. Shivakumar, 35 years
3B). Master Dhanush.
S/o Sri Late Shivakumar, 10 years- Minor
3C). Master Rishi.
S/o Sri Late Shivakumar, 5 years- Minor
3B & 3C are minors represented by their natural Guardian Mother Smt. Bhagyamma
3A to 3C are Residing at Farm House, Nandihalli C Village, Gubbi Taluk, Tumukur district

Summons Issued Under Rule 23(viii) of The Debt Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules 1993 by Paper Publication.

Whereas the applicant has instituted the application under section 19 of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993, against you to repay the applicant bank a sum of **Rs. 13,01,580/-** together with current and future interest plus other charges. You are hereby summoned to appear before the tribunal in person or by a pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to the suit on **07/10/2020 at 11.00am.**

Take notice that, in default of your appearance on the day before mentioned, the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of the tribunal on this **8th day of June 2020**

By Order of the Tribunal
Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal-2
Bangalore

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WINSTON CHURCHILL

Can Fin Homes Ltd

116/3,First Floor, G Block,
60 Feet Main Road, Sahakarnagar,
Bangalore-92,Telephone : 080-23635730
Mob: 7625079141
Email: sahakarnagar@canfinhomes.com
CIN:L85110KA1987PLC008699

Can Fin Homes Ltd (Sponsor: CANARA BANK)
Sahakarnagar Branch

SALE NOTICE

APPENDIX- IV-A
[See proviso to rule 9 (1)]
Sale notice for sale of immovable properties

SALE NOTICE for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 9 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

NOTICE is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd. Sahakarnagar Branch, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **12.08.2020** for recovery of **Rs. 66,79,220/-** (Rupees Sixty Six Lakh Seventy Nine Thousand Two Hundred and Twenty Only) due to Can Fin Homes Ltd. from **Sri. Madhu Kumar and Smt. Saroja** as on 24.09.2018 together with further interest and other charges thereon.

The reserve price will be **Rs.1,18,50,000/-** (Rupees One Crore Eighteen Lakhs Fifty Thousand Only) and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs. 11,85,000/-** (Rupees Eleven Lakhs Eighty Five Thousand Only)

Description of Property: All that piece and parcel of an immovable residential property bearing Site No.9, Khatha No.2131, property No. 44/4, Situated at Varanasi @Jinkethimmanahalli, Bidarahalli Hobli, erstwhile Bangalore South Taluk, now Bangalore East Taluk , presently comes under the jurisdiction of BBMP, measuring east to west 50 ft. and north to south 30ft. measuring 1500 sq ft..

The boundaries of the property are as under: East By: Road,West By : Private Property,North By: Site No.8,South By : Road.

Encumbrances: NIL

The detailed terms and conditions of the sale are provided in the official website of Can Fin Homes Ltd., (www.canfinhomes.com). Please refer to the following link https://www.canfinhomes.com/SearchAuction.aspx

Date:23.07.2020
Place:Bangalore

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
Can Fin Homes Ltd.,

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ROBERT H SCHULLER

Thirumeni Finance Private Limited

varthana
Registered Office: 5BC-110, 'Varasiddhi', Outerring Road Service Road, HRBR Layout 3rd Block, Kalyan Nagar Bangalore 560043
Website www.varthana.com Email: info@varthana.com Phone: 080-68455777

DEMAND NOTICE

Notice under Sub-Section (2) of Section 13 of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 as amended by The Enforcement of Security Interest and Recovery of Debts Laws and Miscellaneous Provisions (Amdt.) Act, 2016 (44 of 2016) and further Amended by The Security Interest (Enforcement) (Amendment) Rules, 2018.

We, Thirumeni Finance Private Limited, (hereinafter referred to as "The Company " for sake of brevity) are a Non-Banking Finance Company, Incorporated under the Companies Act 1956 and registered with the Reserve Bank of India, having its registered office at 5BC-110, 3rd Floor, Varasiddhi, Outer Ring Road, Service Road, 3rd Block, HRBR Layout, Kalyan Nagar, Bangalore-560043, India, and one of its Branches at Bangalore (hereinafter referred as " Branch") hereby issue the following notice under Section 13(2) of the SARFAESI ACT, 2002 for the Recovery of the Outstanding dues. Demand Notice issued on **28.01.2020,** the contents of which are being published herewith as per Sec.13(2) of the Act R/w Rule.3(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, by way of alternative service upon the Co-Applicants No. 4 & 5 for service of notice, since notices could not be served on account of Left from the given address by the parties. You had approached our Bangalore Branch for School Loan Credit Facility and accordingly made an application. The Company had considered your request and sanctioned the same, details of which are as hereunder.

Loan Account No BLR6478S & BLR08517S, **Sanctioned Amount** :Rs.1,92,89,250/-
Overdue Amount as on 20.01.2020: Rs.20,80,692/-, **Total Liability as on 20.01.2020:** Rs.1,74,89,839/-
Name of Applicant, Co-Applicants & Addresses : 1) Deepak School, Represented by its Secretary, No.64, Keshava Layout, 16th Cross, Near Soumya Lakshmi Temple, Thigalara Palya Main Road, Peenya 2nd Stage, Kari Obanahalli, Bangalore-560058, **2) M/s. Deepak Education and Women Welfare Trust, Represented by it's Authorised Signatory,** No. 64, Keshava Layout, 16th Cross, Near Soumya Lakshmi Temple, Thigalara Palya Main Road, Peenya 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560058, **3) Sree Devi. T S,** W/o. Maruthi. S.K, No.11154, 15th Floor, "Shobha Aspire" Nagasandra Post, Tumkur Road, Bangalore–560073, **Also At :** No.64, Keshava Layout, 16th Cross, Near Soumya Lakshmi Temple, Thigalara Palya Main Road, Peenya 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560058, Kari Obanahalli, **4) Sidda. Gangappa. S,** S/o. Siddappa, No. 83-1,Bhuvaneshwari Nagar, T.Dasarahalli, Bangalore North, Bangalore-560057, **5) Sidda. Gangamma,** W/o. Siddagangappa,No.83-1, Bhuvaneshwari Nagar, T.Dasarahalli, Bangalore North, Bangalore – 560057.

Above No.1, 2, 3, 4 as Borrower and No. 5 is a Mortgagor have executed the necessary security documents in favour of the Company to secure the repayment of dues that may be due and payable under the said loan agreement.

The Manager and other staff of the Bangalore Branch and the other officers of the Company have repeatedly requested you all to pay the outstanding amount and to ensure that the account does not become a Non-performing Asset, but you wilfully and unjustifiably failed to pay heed to the innumerable requests made to you from time to time and as a result of which your above mentioned account has become Non Performing Asset on **13.12.2019.**

The Company would like to inform you that the total amount due as on **20.01.2020,** is **Rs.1,74,89,866/-** (One Crore Seventy four Lakh Eighty nine Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty Six Only).

By virtue of the documents duly executed by all of you, the charge has been created in favor of the Company on the below mentioned Security.

The Company hereby informs you all that, under Sub-Section (13) of Section 13 of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (hereinafter referred to as the Act) you shall, after receipt of this notice refrain from either transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise create third party interest (other than in the ordinary course of business) in any of the below mentioned secured assets, without prior written consent of the Company.

The Borrower attention is invited to sub-section (8) of Section 13 in respect of time available to redeem the Secured Assets.

In view of the above the Company hereby issues this notice under Sub-Sec (2) of the Section 13 of the Act and calls upon you all to pay, a sum of **Rs.1,74,89,866/-** (One Crore Seventy four Lakh Eighty Nine Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty Six Only), as on **20.01.2020** together with further interest from **21.01.2020,** @ 19 % & 21% respectively until the date of payment together with incidental expenses, cost and other charges, within 60 days of receipt of this notice, failing which the Company shall be constrained to attach, sell and/or take all actions as envisaged in Sub-Sec (4) of Sec.13 of the Act and/or adopt any other legal proceeding against all of you before the competent Court/Authority, which please note.

Please note that this Demand Notice is without prejudice to and shall not be constructed as waiver of any other rights or remedies which we may have, including without limitations, the right to make further demands in respect of sums owing to us.

Details of Secured Schedule Properties :

Schedule "A" Property: All that piece and parcel of Immovable Property bearing Site No.62, Khata No. 134, Assessment No.54, Karivabanahalli Village, Yashwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk. Now under the limit of BBMP, measuring East to West 30 Feet, North to South 40 Feet, in all 1200 Sq. Ft and Property bounded as follows. East By:Site No.63 West By : Site No.61,North By : Road, South By: Site No.65.

Schedule "B" Property: All that piece and parcel of Immovable Property bearing Site No.63 and 64, Khata No. 134, Assessment No.54, Karivabanahalli Village, Yashwanthpura Hobli,Bangalore North Taluk. Now under the limit of BBMP, Measuring East to West 30 Feet, North to South 90 Feet in all 2,700 Sq. Ft and Property bounded as follows, East By : Road, West By: Site No.62 and 65, North By : Road, South By: Road.

Schedule "C" Property: All that piece and parcel of Immovable Property bearing Site No.65 ,Khata No. 273, Assessment No.54, Karivabanahalli Village, Yashwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk. Now under the limit of BBMP, measuring East to West 30 feet, North to South 50 feet, in all 1,500 Sq. Ft and Property bounded as follows. East By:Site No.64, West By : Site No.66, North By:Site No.62 South By :Road. Memorandum of Deposit of Title Deed by Smt. Shreedevi T.S, Regd BK1 Doc No.PNY-1-04888/2017-18, CD No.PNYD670 Dated 06.10.2017, at Sub Registrar office Peenya, Bangalore.

Date : 24.07.2020
Place : Bangalore

Sd/- Thirumeni Finance Private Limited,
Authorised Officer

Union Bank of India — Guntur Main Branch

यूनियन बैंक ऑफ इंडिया Union Bank of India
आंध्रा Andhra | Corporation

Gowri Sankar Theatre Road, Kothapeta, Guntur-522001.
Ph No. 0863-2227420, 2351005, 2229966.

E-Auction Sale Notice

E-auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules,2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to **erstwhile Andhra Bank, now Union Bank of India, Guntur Main Branch** the **Constructive/Physical Possession** of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of **erstwhile Andhra Bank, now Union Bank of India, Guntur Main Branch** will be sold on **"As is Where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis on 19-08-2020, for Recovery of Rs.24,84,53,106/- (Rupees Twenty Four Crores Eighty Four Lakhs Fifty Three Thousand One Hundred and Six only) as on 30-04-2019** along with further interest at contracted rate from **01-05-2019** and other expenses due to the **erstwhile Andhra Bank, now Union Bank of India, Guntur Main Branch** from the following Borrowers and Guarantors.

Name of Borrowers : M/s BOMMIDALA PURNAIAH HOLDINGS (P) LIMITED, D. No. 4-20-24, Ring Road, Guntur - 522006. **2. Guarantor(s)/ Mortgagor/ Co Obligant : 1) Mr Bommidala Venkata Raja Srinivas, S/o Sri Purnaiah, Mg Director – M/s Bommidala Purnaiah Holdings (P) Limited,** D.No. 4-20-24 , Ring Road, Guntur - 522006, **2) Mrs. Bommidala Padma Lakshmi, W/o. Raja Srinivas, Director – M/s Bommidala Purnaiah Holdings (P) Ltd,** D.No. 4-5-7/1, Beside Suryadevara Kalyana Mandapam, Ring Road, Guntur – 522006, **3) Mr Koppuravuri Ramesh Babu, S/o K. Satyanarayana,** D.No. 45-29-74/D, 1st line, 4th cross, Navbharat Nagar, Guntur – 522006. **4) M/s Bommidala Brothers (P) Limited,** Post Box No. 72, Bommidala House, Mangalagiri Road, Guntur - 522001, **5) M/s Chowdary Hotels (P) Ltd,** Adj. to Womens' Polytechnic College, Gujjanagundla, Guntur – 522006.

Auction Date : 19-08-2020, Last Date for submission of bids: 18-08-2020
Reserve Price (Rs) : 3,29,00,000/- EMD (Rs): 32,90,000/-

SHORT DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Property No. 2: Office cum Residence Building situated in an Area of 2400 Sft belonging to **M/s. Bommidala Brothers Ltd,** Situated at D.No: 506, 7th Main Road,15th Cross, Indira Nagar, 2nd Stage, CMH Road, Bangalore and **Bounded By : East :** 15th Cross Road, **West:** Property No. 509, **North:** Property No. 505, **South :** Property No. 507.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in **Union Bank of India website i.e. www.unionbankofindia.co.in.** To the best information and knowledge of the Authorized Officer, there is no encumbrance on the property. The interested bidder may contact the **AUTHORISED OFFICER Sri M. Sreenivasa Rao, 9848297026 (M),** for ascertaining the details of auction and inspection of Property on the date mentioned as above **Contact No. 0863-2227420, 2351005, 2229966, e-mail id: bm0150@andhrabank.co.in**

STATUTORY 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 8(6)/Rule 9(1) OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002
This may also be treated as notice u/r 8(6)/Rule 9(1) of security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 to the borrower/s and guarantor/s of the said loan about the holding of E-auction Sale on the above mentioned date.

Place : Guntur, Date : 22-07-2020 — Sd/- Authorised Officer, Union Bank of India (e_ Andhra Bank) Guntur Main Branch, Guntur.

TUMKUR VEERASHAIVA CO-OP BANK LTD,

A.O. Dr. S. Radhakrishna Road, S.S. Puram, Tumkur - 572102,
Ph No. : 0816 - 2254394, Fax : 2254027, E-Mail : tvcbho@yahoo.co.in

TENDER – CUM – AUCTION SALE NOTICE

AUCTION SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY UNDER SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002.

Whereas the Bank has issued notice under Section 13 (2) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 and in pursuant to and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (4) of the Act, the Authorised Officer, **Tumkur Veerashaiva Co-Op Bank Ltd.,** has taken possession of the mortgaged properties including those more fully described hereunder, and the Bank has decided to sell the below mentioned property under the provisions of the SARFAESI Act read with the relevant rules of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Sl. No.	Name of the Borrower	Description of the Properties Boundaries & Measurement	Reserve Price and EMD	Balance Outstanding Amount to be paid to Bank	Date & Time of opening tender & place of auction
		Basaveshwaranagar Branch			
1	**1) Mr. Manjunath D R** S/o Rangaswamy D H No.808, BSCC, 3rd Phase, 3rd Stage, Katriguppe, Bangalore-560085 **Also at:** M S R Motors No.548/13, 14th Main, 50ft. Road, Hanumanthnagar, Bangalore-560050 **2. Mrs. Preethi** W/o Manjunath D R No.808, BSCC, 3rd Phase, 3rd Stage, Katriguppe, Bangalore-560085.	All that piece and parcel of Residential Property bearing No.548/B, Block, No.1, in Banashankari 1st Stage Extension, Bangalore formed by the City Improvement Trust Board (Now the Bangalore Development Authority) presently bearing Corporation Property No.37, 9th Cross, S.A.S (Sunkenahalli Adjacent Sites), Bangalore, in Bangalore Mahanagara Palike ward No.53, having Property ID (PID) No.53-54-37. Measuring East to West 42-0 feet and North to South 41-0+37-0 feet/2, totally measuring 1638 square feet., Residential building 8 squares along with RCC roofed house constructed thereon, having Red Oxide Flooring, doors and windows are made up of Jungle Woods, with all civic amenities like water, electricity and sanitary facilities. Bounded By: East: Road, West: Property No.548/A, North: Property No.549/A, South: Road.	**Rs.3,36,90,000/-** (Rupees Three Crore Thirty Six Lakhs Ninety Thousand Only) **EMD: Rs.33,69,000/-** (Rupees Thirty Three Lakhs Sixty Nine Thousand Only) before 24.08.2020, 5.00 PM	**Rs.1,76,63,174/-** (Rupees One Crore Seventy Six Lakhs Sixty Three Thousand One Hundred Seventy Four Only) as on **13.07.2020,** along with interest at the applicable rate and costs thereon.	**25/08/2020 at 11.30 AM at Tumkur Veerashaiva Co-Op Bank Ltd. Basaveshwara nagar Branch Bangalore.**
2	**1) Mr. Manjunath D R** S/o Rangaswamy D H No.808, BSCC, 3rd Phase, 3rd Stage, Katriguppe, Bangalore-560085 **Aslo at:** No.4, 1st Main, Harijana Colony, Bangalore-04. **Also at:** M S R Motors No.548/13, 14th Main, 50ft. Road, Hanumanthnagar, Bangalore-560050 **2. Mrs. Preethi** W/o Manjunath D R No.808, BSCC, 3rd Phase, 3rd Stage, Katriguppe, Bangalore-560085.	All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.4(New No.17), 1st Main Road, Harijana Colony, Goraguntepalya, Division No.2, Bangalore, now comes under BBMP Ward No.12, Site No.17, with PID No.12-62-17 (Old No.4) situated at 1st Main Road, Harijana Colony, Bangalore Comprising a 5 shops and a sheeted house, measuring East to West 50 feet and North to South 45 feet, totally measuring 2250 sq. ft. Bounded By: East: Devaraju's House, West: Road, North: Others Property, South: Road.	**Rs.1,25,96,456/-** (Rupees One Crore Twenty Five Lakhs Ninety Six Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Six Only) **EMD: Rs.12,59,646/-** (Rupees Twelve Lakhs Fifty Nine Thousand Six Hundred Forty Six Only) before 21.08.2020, 5.00 PM	**Rs.56,00,989/-** (Rupees Fifty Six Lakhs Nine Hundred Eighty Nine Only) as on 13.07.2020,along with interest at the applicable rate and costs thereon.	**24/08/2020 at 2.30 PM at Tumkur Veerashaiva Co-Op Bank Ltd. Basaveshwara nagar Branch Bangalore.**
3	**1) Mrs. Nirmala K S** W/o B P Mahesh **2. Mr. Mahesh B P** S/o Puttagangappa B M both are residing at No.810, 14th 'A' Main, 13th Cross, 'A' Sector, New Town, Yelahanka, Bangalore-560064.	All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Site No.810, Yelahanka CMC Katha No.1890/810, situated at HIG, 3rd Stage, Block, Yelahanka Extension, Bangalore. and including all rights, privileges and appurtenances there to and measuring East to West 24.40 meters or 80'-00 feet, North to South 15.20 meters or 50'-00 feet. totally measuring 4000 sq. ft. Bounded By: East: Road, West: Site No.805, North: Site No.809, South: Site No.811	**Rs.4,31,71,110/-** (Rupees Four Crore Thirty One Lakhs Seventy One Thousand One Hundred Ten Only) **EMD: Rs. 43,17,111/-** (Rupees Forty Three Lakhs Seventeen Thousand One Hundred Eleven Only)before 21.08.2020, 5.00 PM	**Rs.1,15,74,634/-** (Rupees One Crore Fifteen Lakhs Seventy Four Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Four Only) as on 13.07.2020, along with interest at the applicable rate and costs thereon.	**24/08/2020 at 11.30 AM at Tumkur Veerashaiva Co-Op Bank Ltd. Basaveshwara nagar Branch Bangalore.**
4	**(1) Mr. Shekar K C** S/o Late V G Krishnamurthy **(2). Mrs. K Sunitha** W/o Shekar K C both are residing at No. 231, 14th Cross, M C Layout, Vijayanagar, Bangalore-560040.	All that piece and parcel of the building site bearing No.231, (Old No.245) in the Layout, the Bangalore City Chickpet House Building Co-operative Society Bangalore. Situated at West of Chord, and South of Magadi Road, Near Hosahalli Extension, PID No. 36-5-4 Bangalore. measuring East to West 70feet and North to South 50 feet, in all measuring 3500 square feet. Bounded By: East: 14th Cross Road, West: Site No.224, North: Site No.232, South: Site No.230 .	**Rs.4,56,54,293/-** (Rupees Four Crore Fifty Six Lakhs Fifty Four Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Three Only) **EMD: Rs.45,65,429/-** (Rupees Forty Five Lakhs Sixty Five Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Nine Only)before 27.08.2020, 5.00 PM	**Rs.3,81,42,898/-** (Rupees Three Crore Eighty One Lakhs Forty Two Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Eight Only) as on 13.07.2020, along with interest at the applicable rate and costs thereon.	**28/08/2020 at 2.30 PM at Tumkur Veerashaiva Co-Op Bank Ltd. Basaveshwara nagar Branch Bangalore.**
		R.T.Nagar Branch			
5	**(1) Mrs. Punitha Munesha** W/o Munesha Venkat No.12, 11th Cross, Kaggadasapura Main Road, C V Raman Nagar, Bangalore-560093 **Also at:** No.54, 1st Floor, Kaggadasapura Main Road, C V Raman Nagar, Bangalore-560093 **Also at:** No.106, Thanishka Mansion, Anand Nagar, 1st Main Road, Marathahalli, Bangalore-560037 **(2). Mr. Munesh Venkat** S/o Giddappa Venkat No.106, Thanishka Mansion, Anand Nagar, 1st Main Road, Marathahalli, Bangalore-560037 **(3). Mr. G Karthik Kumar** S/o Late Gopal Reddy No.12, 11th Cross, Kaggadasapura Main Road, C V Raman Nagar, Bangalore-560093.	**ITEM No.1:** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing land with building Site No.54, Old No.69/2, then changed as No.205/2, BBMP No.54, PID No.83-53-54, situated at Kaggadasapura Main Road, K R Pura Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Earlier Bangalore South Taluk now comes under Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Jurisdiction, Bangalore, site measuring East to West 62feet, North to South 50feet, in all measuring 3100 sq. ft., along with 10600 sq. ft. of commercial building thereon, together with all rights, appurtenances, whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface. Bounded By: East: Road, West: Property of Papanna , North: Road , South: Property of Gopala Reddy. **ITEM No.2:** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing land with building Site No.12, Old No.69/2, then changed as No.205/2, BBMP No.12, PID No.83-65-12, situated at Kaggadasapura Village, 11th Cross Road, K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Earlier Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, now comes under Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Jurisdiction, Bangalore measuring East to West 66 feet, North to South 42 feet, in all measuring 2772 sq. ft., along with 1089 sq. ft. of RCC roofed building, with all civic amenities. Bounded By: East: Road, West: Property of Papanna , North: Property of Gopal Reddy, South: Property of Gopala Reddy.	**Rs.3,18,74,400/-** (Rupees Three Crore Eighteen Lakhs Seventy Four Thousand Four Hundred Only) **EMD: Rs. 31,87,440/-** (Rupees Thirty One Lakhs Eighty Seven Thousand Four Hundred Forty Only) before 26.08.2020, 5.00 PM **Rs.2,00,01,870/-** (Rupees Two Crore One Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Only) **EMD: Rs. 20,00,187/-** (Rupees Twenty Lakhs One Hundred Eighty Seven Only) before 26.08.2020, 5.00 PM	**Rs. 4,18,22,457/-** (Rupees Four Crore Eighteen Lakhs Twenty Two Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Seven Only) as on **13/07/2020,** along with interest at the applicable rate and costs thereon.	**27/08/2020 at 11.30 AM at Tumkur Veerashaiva Co-Op Bank Ltd. Basaveshwara nagar Branch Bangalore.**
6	**1) Mr. C. Srinivas** S/o Chinnaswamy **2. Mr. S Sudhakar** S/o C. Srinivas both are residing at No.1575, 7th Main Road, Kengeri Upanagar, Bangalore-560060 **3. M/s. Global Techtronix** No.47/1C, Kebbahalla Road, Sunkadhkattae, Vishwanedam Post, Magadi Main Road, Land Mark Wild craft Industries, Bangalore 560 091	All that piece and parcel of immovable property comprising of land and building bearing new No.1, old No.21, situated at E.No.3rd Street, Ulsoor, Bangalore, (PID No.81-63-1), BBMP Ward No.81, measuring on the East: 18'2", on the West: 12'+24', on the North:31' and on the South: 29'9", totally measuring 818 square feet: Bounded By: East: E.No.3rd Street, West: Private Property, North: Private Property, South: Old Madras Road.	**Rs.1,75,00,900/-** (Rupees One Crore Seventy Five Lakhs Nine Hundred Only) **EMD: Rs. 17,50,090/-** (Rupees Seventeen Lakhs Fifty Thousand Ninety Only) before 26.08.2020, 5.00 PM	**Rs.1,64,04,493/-** (Rupees One Crore Sixty Four Lakhs Four Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Three Only) as on **13/07/2020,** along with interest at the applicable rate and costs thereon.	**27/08/2020 at 12.30 PM at Tumkur Veerashaiva Co-Op Bank Ltd. Basaveshwara nagar Branch Bangalore.**
7	**1) Mrs. Umadevi K** W/o Shiva Shankar **2. Mr. Shiva Shankar** both are residing at No.1083/A, 3rd Cross, 1st Stage, 1st Block, Manasa Nagar, Nagarbhavi, Bengaluru-560072.	All that piece and parcel of the property bearing BDA Site No. 1083, Municipal No.1083, Sy. No. 50/2A and 50/4, PID No. 38/134-1083, Nagarbhavi 1st Stage, Bangalore. measuring East to West 6.10 meters and North to South 9.10 meters, totally measuring 55.51 Sq. Meters. Bounded By: East: Property No.1084, West: Site No.1082, North: Charandi, South: Road.	**Rs.54,79,600./-** (Rupees Fifty Four Lakhs Seventy Nine Thousand Six Hundred Only) **EMD: Rs.5,47,960/-** (Rupees Five Lakhs Forty Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Only) before 21.08.2020, 5.00 PM	**Rs.31,68,140/-** (Rupees Thirty One Lakhs Sixty Eight Thousand One Hundred Forty Only) as on **13/07/2020,** along with interest at the applicable rate and costs thereon.	**24/08/2020 at 12.30 PM at Tumkur Veerashaiva Co-Op Bank Ltd. Basaveshwara nagar Branch Bangalore.**
8	**(1) Mrs. Usha Narayan Rao** W/o. B.K.Narayan Rao **(2). Mr. Arjun Belmar** S/o B K Narayan Rao **(3). Mr. Ashwin Belmar** S/o B K Narayan Rao **(4). Mr. Abhishek Belmar** S/o B K Narayan Rao # 271, Belmar Estate Nagasandra Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Nagasandra, Bangalore – 560073	All that piece and parcel of the property bearing residentially converted land under O.M.ALN.SR.215/88-89, 7/11/1989 in Sy.No.45/2 situated at Chokkasandra Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring 1 Acre or 43,560 sq. ft. Bounded By: East: Government Halla and Road, West: Remaining Portion of Land in Sy.No.45/2, North: Government Halla and Sy.No.45/2, South: Remaining portion of Land in Sy.No.45/2.	**Rs.12,74,59,125-** (Rupees Twelve Crores Seventy Four Lakhs Fifty Nine Thousand One Hundred Twenty Five Only) **EMD: Rs. 1,27,45,913/-** (Rupees One Crore Twenty Seven Lakhs Forty Five Thousand Nine Hundred Thirteen Only) before 27.08.2020, 5.00 PM	**Rs.6,06,17,595/-** (Rupees Six Crores Six Lakhs Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Five Only) as on **13/07/2020,** along with interest at the applicable rate and costs thereon.	**28/08/2020 at 3.30 PM at Tumkur Veerashaiva Co-Op Bank Ltd. Basaveshwara nagar Branch Bangalore.**
		Chamaraj pet Branch			
9	**1) Mr. Prasanna S** S/o Srinivas S No.28, 2nd Main, 3rd Cross, Subbanna Garden, Vijayanagar, Bangalore-560040.	All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Municipal No.28, BBMP Ward No. 35, Sy. No.368/2, 3rd Cross, PID No. 35-37-28, New 126-W0125-9. Marenahalli Layout, Subbanna Garden, (Kempapura Agrahara as per previous records), Bangalore. measuring East to West 72 feet and North to South 34 feet. Bounded By: East: Road, West: Property of Rajanna, North: Road, South: Property No.12	**Rs.3,34,97,600/-** (Rupees Three Crores Thirty Four Lakhs Ninety Seven Thousand Six Hundred Only) **EMD: Rs.33,49,760/-** (Rupees Thirty Three Lakhs Forty Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Only) before **26.08.2020 ,** 5.00 PM	**Rs. 1,08,95,692/-** (Rupees One Crore Eight Lakhs Ninety Five Thousand Six Hundred Ninety Two Only) as on **13/07/2020,** along with interest at the applicable rate and costs thereon.	**27/08/2020 at 2.30 PM at Tumkur Veerashaiva Co-Op Bank Ltd. Basaveshwara nagar Branch Bangalore.**
10	**1) Mr. Babu T G** S/o Late T R Gopal No.735, 1st F Cross Road, 3rd Stage, 4th Block, 15th Main, West of Chord Road, Basaveshwaranagar, Bangalore-560079	All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No.735, 1st 'F' Cross Road, 15th Main, 3rd Stage, 4th Block, West of Chord Road Extension, Basaveshwar Nagar, Bangalore, measuring East to West 11.58 Mtrs and North to South 9.15 Mtrs., total measuring 105.96 sq. meters with residential building and including all rights, privileges and appurtenances thereto. Bounded By: East: Road, West: Private Property, North: Site No.736, South: Site No.734	**Rs.1,58,90,000/-** (Rupees One Crore Fifty Eight Lakhs Ninety Thousand Only) **EMD: Rs. 15,89,000/-** (Rupees Fifteen Lakhs Eighty Nine Thousand Only) before 27.08.2020, 5.00 PM	**Rs. 1,33,94,080/-** (Rupees One Crore Thirty Three Lakhs Ninety Four Thousand Eighty Only) as on **13/07/2020,** along with interest at the applicable rate and costs thereon.	**28/08/2020 at 11.30 AM at Tumkur Veerashaiva Co-Op Bank Ltd. Basaveshwara nagar Branch Bangalore.**
		Nelamangala Branch			
11	**1) Mr. Chandrashekar.N.R.** S/o. Late Ranganna **2. Mrs. Nirmala D.A. W/o. Chandrashekar.N.R.,** both are residing at No.1548, Prakash Nilaya Suggappa Layout, Near NES Office, 2nd Stage, 2nd Cross, Yelahanka, Bangalore-560064.	**Schedule No.1:** All that piece and parcel of the property measuring 220x99 feet Site in Khata No.2581/2236/5420, Rojipura, Ward No.4, Doddaballapura Town, Bangalore Rural. Built up area i.e., Cinema theatre constructed in 139x65 feet and remaining vacant site in the Site total measuring 21780 Sq. ft. Bounded By: East: Road, West: Road and Others Property, North: Property in the name of D.A.Nirmala, South: Remaining Sites of Rudrappa and Road. **Schedule No.2 :** All that piece and parcel of the Vacant Site bearing No. 2236/5420, New Ward No.2 (Old Ward No.4), Surroundings of Sobagu Cinema Theatre in Khata No.67/2932/2416, Rojipura, Present Municipal No.1614, Doddaballapura Town, Bangalore Rural. measuring East to West : 105 feet and North to South: 36 Feet. Bounded By: East: Road, West: Others Property, North: Gangadharapura-Rojipura Municipal Road, South: Sobagu Cinema Theatre.	**Rs.3,09,43,970/-** (Rupees Three Crore Nine Lakhs Forty Three Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Only) **EMD: Rs. 30,94,397/-** (Rupees Thirty Lakhs Ninety Four Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Seven Only) before **27.08.2020,** 5.00 PM	**Rs.2,77,73,931/-** (Rupees Two Crore Seventy Seven Lakhs Seventy Three Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty One Only) as on **13/07/2020,** along with interest at the applicable rate and costs thereon.	**28/08/2020 at 12.30 PM at Tumkur Veerashaiva Co-Op Bank Ltd. Basaveshwara nagar Branch Bangalore.**

Terms and Conditions of Auction Sale: -

(1). The Tender form can be collected from **Tumkur Veerashaiva Co-Op Bank Ltd.,** Basaveshwaranagar Branch, No.313, 313/A, 1st Floor, Anugraha Complex, Above Bank of India, 3rd Stage, 4th Block, Basaveshwaranagar, Bangalore-560079. (ph. 080-23580916) on all working days during office hours. **(2).**The intending bidders should submit their bids in the prescribed tender form in closed cover along with EMD of 10% of the Reserve Price by means of Demand Draft / Banker's Cheque / Pay Order drawn in favour of Tumkur Veerashaiva Co-Op Bank Ltd., Bangalore- payable at Bangalore. The Demand Draft / Banker's Cheque / Pay Order shall be drawn after the date of publication of this Tender – cum – Auction Sale Notice. **(3).**Tenders not in the prescribed format will not be accepted. The tender along with the EMD shall be submitted at Tumkur Veerashaiva Co-Op Bank Ltd., Bangalore latest by above mentioned date and time. Tender without EMD shall be summarily rejected. **(4).** The property "SHALL NOT" be sold below the reserve price. **(5).** In case the bidder is not successful the E M D amount shall be refunded without interest. **(6).** The EMD amount shall be liable for forfeiture without prior notice, if the successful bidder fails to adhere to the terms and conditions of the Auction Sale. **(7).** The sealed tenders will be opened by the Authorised Officer in the presence of the available / attending bidders. **(8).** After opening the tenders, the intending bidders may be given opportunity at the discretion of the Authorised Officer to have, intense bidding amongst themselves to enhance the offer Price. **(9).** The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the Sale Price (inclusive of EMD) immediately after the auction sale, on the same day, in Cash or Demand Draft and the balance of the Sale Price within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale. In case of default by the successful bidder, all the amounts deposited till then shall be forfeited without notice and the property shall be put for re-auction. **(10).** The successful bidder shall bear the statutory dues / taxes / charges / property tax / E B charges / water charges / conveyance charges such as stamp duty, registration fee etc. that is required to be paid in order to get the property conveyed in his favour, as per the applicable laws. **(11).** The Authorised Officer has absolute right to accept or reject any or all of the tender or/ bid / offer and / or adjourn / postpone / cancel the Auction Sale without assigning any reason, and also to modify an or all terms and conditions of the sale without prior notice. **(12).** The sale is subject to confirmation by the Bank. **(13).** The property can be inspected by the intending bidder between **10.00 AM and -5.00PM** at his expenses at the address mentioned in the Schedule. **(14).** The property is put for sale on **"AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION" and "AS IS WHAT IS CONDITION".** The intending bidder shall satisfy himself about the title, ownership, statutory approvals, encumbrances etc. of the property.

For further details the intending bidders may contact the Authorised Officer, **Tumkur Veerashaiva Co-Op Bank Ltd., Basaveshwaranagar Branch,** No.313, 313/A, 1st Floor, Anugraha Complex, Above Bank of India, 3rd Stage, 4th Block, Basaveshwaranagar, Bangalore-560079, for ascertaining the details of property and also for inspection of property Contact **(Ph. No. 080-23580916) E-Mail: tvcbbsnbr@gmail.com.**

Date: 23.07.2020
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
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Hinting at the possibility of community transmission of Covid-19 in Telangana, Public Health Director Dr G Srinivas Rao on Thursday asked citizens to stay on 'high alert' for the next four to five weeks.

THE BULLION TRAIL

Smuggled gold funded anti-CAA protests?

MHA trailing funding sources in Qatar, UAE

AJAY KANTH @Kochi

THE probe into the gold smuggling through diplomatic channel has assumed a new dimension with the central agencies launching an investigation to ascertain whether the money made through gold smuggling in Kerala was used to fund protests across the country against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA), and related violence in Delhi and Uttar Pradesh.

The details *TNIE* accessed from intelligence officials reveal that the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has been trailing the funding sources in Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the UAE since December 2019 after a few people arrested in connection with riots in Delhi and UP spilled the beans.

A Malayali youth, who was arrested in UP based on specific intelligence inputs from the Kerala Police, said to have given the agencies some vital information on the funding. Intelligence Bureau (IB) sources said they have identified some organisations in the Gulf counties which funded the CAA protests and violence. The gold was smuggled to Kerala with the help of these organisations which have a strong network in Qatar, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and the UAE.

"It was found that a few individuals in Kerala have active links with three Gulf-based organisations which were behind funding anti-CAA protests. We've analysed the evidence and gold smuggling is one of the fundraising sources," said a senior intelligence officer. "The organisations have also been operating in close coordination with a couple of outfits in Kerala that used youth for anti-national activities."

State police chief Loknath Behera said his department was passing on particular details to the central agencies on funding sources.

"We're also doing a lot of work in the state and sharing whatever information comes our way to the central agencies. Our Anti-Terrorist Squad (ATS) has a separate unit to monitor terror funding and we've been looking into various aspects. The ATS has done quite a lot of work," said Behera.

The MHA got inputs on specific Kerala-based gold smuggling routes while conducting a detailed surveillance. The diplomatic consignment containing 30kg gold was under the agencies' radar right from its point of origin.

Siddhi as MLC gives BJP good chance with tribals

SUBHASH CHANDRA N S @Karwar

THE nomination of **Shantaram Budna Siddhi** as a Member of the Legislative Council (MLC) is seen as a reward for his loyalty to the party, work on uplift of his tribal community, and preventing them from conversion.

After the surprise nomination of Iranna Kadadi and Ashok Gasti to the Rajya Sabha, the BJP has sprung another surprise by rewarding Shantaram Siddhi, a 55-year-old party worker who worked for the betterment of the Siddhi community. "As a member of Vanavasi Kalyan, he prevented thousands of Siddhis from conversion. He taught them self-respect and helped them take up education," said Shivaram Gaonkar, district president, Bharatiya Kisan Sangh.

Spread across Yellapur, Haliyal and Ankola and Siddapura taluks, the lesser-known community which is basically of African origin, has been living in the forests since the 12th century (according to the Siddhis). As one of the major tribes of Uttara Kannada district, the tribe has a population of 47,000, and speaks Kannada, Konkani and Hindi. Around 20,000 Siddhis also live in Gujarat.

The literacy level in the community is quite low, but the community is getting organised now and also demanding political representation. "It is much-needed recognition for our community. We are extremely happy," said Deigo Basthyav Siddhi, president of Akhila Karnataka Siddhi Foundation Trust.

Shantaram, too, is surprised. "This is one responsibility I never expected. I never dreamt of becoming an MLC. I don't know who is behind my nomination, but I thank Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa, Union Home Minister Amit Shah and others," he said.

The move has further strengthened the party in the district, as it is trying to woo scheduled caste and tribes. "We have again sent a message to the downtrodden communities and people who work at the grassroots, that they will be recognized and rewarded," said district BJP president Venkatesh Naik. BJP was so far looked upon as an 'upper caste' party.

Shantaram holds a BA degree from Karnatak University, Dharwad, and has participated in environment movements like the Appiko movement in the 70s against the Sharavathi tailrace project, and the Bedthi movement in the 90s against hydel projects in the Western Ghats. Better known as a barefoot walker, he walked through the forests to connect with his tribesmen.

Production turnover-based incentives in K'taka

SIR Act in the works

A new Special Investment Region (SIR) Act will be enacted to establish, develop, operate and regulate deemed-to-be industrial townships with an area of more than 100 sqkm. The first such SIR, encompassing Dharwad, Gadag, Haveri and Belagavi districts has already been notified. One more SIR in Shivamogga, encompassing Shivamogga, Davanagere, Chitradurga and Chikkamagaluru districts, and another in Kalaburagi, encompassing the Kalyana Karnataka districts, will be notified.

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DECISIONS related to ease of doing business — like the removal of restrictions in land procurement through amendments to the Land Reforms Act, followed by the Industries Facilitation Act — taken over the last few months, have now been brought under the umbrella of the New Industrial Policy.

"Restrictions have been removed to ensure industries and labourers thrive. Whether a labourer wants to work extra time or a woman wants to work the night shift is still an option. These policy changes are necessary to help boost the economy that has been severely hit by Covid-19. Industries too have to make up for the lost man-hours," Jagadish Shettar told The New Indian Express.

Even as the policy categorises industrially backward districts as Zone-1 and Zone-2 for increased incentives and concessions, while categorising Bengaluru Urban and Rural as Zone-3 to promote other districts, dramatic changes have been made to land and labour laws, many of which have been criticised by labour unions and opposition parties.

In a first, Karnataka has adopted a production turnover-based incentive system instead of tax-based incentives to encourage production-based performance. A 10% incentive on annual turnover with a cap of 20-30% of Value of Fixed Asset (VFA) as investment promotion subsidy for Micro and Small Enterprises, exemption from Stamp Duty and concessional registration charges, reimbursement of land conversion fee, exemption from tax on electricity tariff for MSMEs, power subsidy for micro and small enterprises, support to artisans, additional incentives to special category entrepreneurs like SC, ST, women, minority, physically challenged and ex-servicemen, incentives and concessions for development of private industrial parks are some of the investment boosters in the policy.

Taking off from companies expressing interest in investing in Karnataka during Shettar and Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa's visit to Davos for the World Economic Forum last year, the New Industrial Policy 2020-2025 focuses on automobiles and auto components, pharmaceutical and medical devices, engineering and machine tools, knowledge-based industries, logistics, renewable energy, aerospace, defence and electric vehicles.

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AP records 7,998 cases in a day

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ANDHRA Pradesh reported a staggering 7,998 cases on Thursday. A total of 61 deaths were reported as well. The total number of cases breached the 70,000-mark and the tally now stand at 72,711.

Three of the 13 districts – Anantapur, East Godavari and Guntur -- of Andhra Pradesh recorded more than 1,000 cases in the past 24 hours leading to the State witnessing the highest single day surge of COVID-19 positive cases on Thursday.

6,472 new cases in TN

The State recorded 6,472 new Covid-19 positive cases on Thursday, while a whopping 60,375 tests were also conducted on the day. As many as 88 people succumbed to the infection on Thursday, taking the State's toll to 3,232. Eleven of the 88 victims did not have any co-morbid conditions.

While Chennai alone recorded 1,336 cases and 11 deaths, its neighbouring districts Chengalpattu, Kancheepuram and Tiruvallur recorded 375, 330, and 416 cases respectively.

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TENDER NOTIFICATION IFT-04

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On behalf of the Administrator, Bhadra CADA, Malavagoppa, Shimoga, The under signed invites tenders under the H/A 2705 Central(PMKSY) from Class-III and above contractors for the 03 FIC works of Amount put to tender value **Rs.87.66** Lakhs, **Rs.128.97** Lakhs & **Rs.70.79** Lakhs for the year 2020-21. The tenders are invited in KW-3 & KW-4 bid document through http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in and in Two cover system as per KTPP Act -1999 & rules 2000. The bidders can access to e-tender from 23-07-2020 to 31-07-2020 till 4.00 pm, Last Date & Time for Tender Queries/ Clarifications is 29-07-2020 4.00 pm. Technical bid will be opened on 03-08-2020 @ 11.30 am and the financial bid will be opened after the approval Technical bid from Competent authority at the office of Executive Engineer, Engineering Division No-2, Bhadra CADA, Ranebennur.

Sd/- Executive engineer,
Engineering division-2 bhadracada, Ranebennur.

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MANGALURU SMART CITY LIMITED
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No. MSCL/TECH/EE-3/AEE-3/AE-9/CR-01/2020-21 Date: 23.07.2020
Advertisement No.77/2020-21

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Mangaluru Smart City Limited invites Expression of interest (EOI) from Manufacturers/ Material Suppliers/ Contractors for various special items to be executed under Smart City project. The following items are for estimate rate purpose only: Precast RCC Bollards, Precast Concrete Benches, Precast RCC Rings, CI Decorative Street Light Poles, Mangalore Tiles of different sizes, Decorative Granite carving Works, MS/SS Bollards, CI railing with GI frame, FRP Chamber Covers of different sizes. Last date for the submission is on **05.08.2020 before 5.00 PM** and will be opened next day. For detailed specification of the items and queries visit **https://www.mangalurusmartcity.net** or contact Executvie Engineer, Mangaluru Smart City Limited, 3rd Floor, Mangaluru City Corporation Building, Lalbagh, Mangaluru-575001.

Sd/- Managing Director
DIPR/MNG/MCA/273/20-21 dt.23.7.20 **Mangaluru Smart City Limited, Mangaluru**

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TAMIL NADU STATE AGRICULTURAL MARKETING BOARD
Tender Notice No.T.06/DO/F.1157/2020/Dated : 22.07.2020
LUMPSUM CONTRACT (Two Cover System)

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, sealed tenders will be received for the following work by the Executive Engineer, Tamil Nadu State Agricultural Marketing Board, Guindy, Chennai-32, from the PWD registered contractors class I above **75.00 lakhs** upto **3.00 p.m. on 25.08.2020.** The tenders will be opened by the Executive Engineer on the same day **25.08.2020** at **3.30 p.m.** in the presence of tenderers present at that time.

Sl. No.	NAME OF WORK	Value put to Tender Rs.in Lakhs) Approx.	EMD Rs. (Including GST)
1	Construction of 5000 MT Cold storage at Sulur in Coimbatore District	1267.10	14,19,200/-
2	Construction of 5000 MT Cold storage at Ambathur in Thiruvallur District	1321.30	14,80,000/-

Note : 1.The Tender Schedules will be available during Office Hours **upto 24.08.2020, after remitting cost of tender schedule for Rs.16,800/- including GST in the shape of D.D., in favour of CEO, TNSAMB, Chennai-32, Payable at Chennai (or)** The tender schedules can also be downloaded from the websites **www.tenders.tn.gov.in , www.tn.gov.in & www.tnsamb.gov.in** at free of cost. 2.Further particulars can be obtained from the office of the Executive Engineer, Tamil Nadu State Agricultural Marketing Board, CIPET Road, Guindy, Chennai-32 during office hours i.e., **10.00 am** to **5.45 pm** on all working days. 3.The Tender received after due date and time will be summarily rejected. 4.Period of completion 12 months for each work. 5. The revision of dates/updates will be intimated through website, If the Government of Tamilnadu declares complete lockdown only. DIPR/2777/TENDER/2020 **Executive Engineer, TNSAMB, Chennai - 32.**

KARNATAKA STATE ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION
Works Division, Mysuru.

No.: KST/EEM/JE/186/2020-21 **Date : 23-07-2020**

E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTIFICATION : 08 / 09 / 2020-21

Item-wise tenders are invited for the work mentioned below as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement at KTTP Ordinance 1999 and Rules 2000 from the appropriate Class of Civil Contractors in KPWD and CPWD as mentioned below through e-Procurement. The Contractors / Firms will have to upload all required information, documents and rates etc., in the website only i.e., **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** No documents will be accepted manually.

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Approximate Amount put to tender (Rs. in Lakhs)	Earnest Money Deposit (in Rs.)
1.	**Construction of Crew Rest Room in Bus Depot at Madikeri (2nd Call).**	**Rs. 66.77**	**Rs. 1,33,540.00**
2.	**Providing Project Management, Consultancy Service including Supervision of Construction of Work and Quality Control Works for Kollegala Bus Station. (2nd Phase) (PMC)**	**Rs. 10.00**	**Rs. 25,000.00**

(1) Last date for Receipt of tenders **20-08-2020.**
(2) Interested Bidders can login to the **Website : https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** for details **On or After 29-07-2020.**
(3) Any Other Information required can be had from the **Office of the Executive Engineer, KSRTC, Bannimantapa, Mysuru** during working hours. **Phone : 0821-2498828**

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
DIPR/DDU/RO No. 626/2020-21 **KSRTC, CE, Mysuru.**

THE HUTTI GOLD MINES COMPANY LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Hutti - 584 115, Raichur Dist., Karnataka State. Ph: (08537) 275740/276339/275463
e-Mail: material276339@gmail.com website: www.huttigold.co.in

TENDER NOTIFICATION No. 61/19-20, Dt. 23.07.2020

(Through e-Procurement Portal only)

Tenders are invited by "The Dy.General Manager (Materials)" for the procurement of following goods from reputed manufacturers/authorized dealers, as detailed below.

Sl. No.	Description	Qty.	Approx. Value (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (in Rs.)
1	Manufacturing, Testing, Supply & Commissioning of Telehandler at Hutti Gold Mine **HGML/2019-20/INDENT2710**	As per list	177.00	2,66,000/-
2	Supply of various types of Man winding wire Ropes. **HGML/2019-20/INDENT2747**	As per list	135.00	2,03,000/-
3	Supply of Spare for Kirlosker Pumps. **HGML/2019-20/INDENT2708**	As per list	10.03	25,000/-
4	Supply of Variable Frequency Drive. **HGML/2019-20/INDENT2754**	2 Nos	3.62	9,000/-
5	Supply of spares for M&P II Pluro Pumps. **HGML/2019-20/INDENT2748**	As per list	26.38	53,000/-
6	Supply of MS Pipes and Flanges. **HGML/2019-20/INDENT2735**	As per list	4.55	11,500/-
7	Procurement of Non-asbestos corrugated roofing sheets. **HGML/2019-20/INDENT2753**	500 Nos.	3.49	9,000/-
8	Supply of Crockery & Culteries. **HGML/2019-20/INDENT2658/Call-2**	As per list	1.95	5,000/-
9	Supply of 10KVA UPS. **HGML/2019-20/INDENT2756**	As per list	5.43	13,500/-
10	NDT of Winder Vital Parts. **HGML/Service/54/2019-20**	-	7.19	18,000/-
11	Sodium Hydroxide Flakes. **HGML/2019-20/INDENT2749**	30,000 kgs	14.70	37,000/-
12	Spare parts for Pneumatic Air Leg. **HGML/2019-20/INDENT2742**	As per list	16.89	42,500/-

1. Pre-bid Meeting date & time: **10.08.2020 at 10.30 AM (For Sl.No.1 & 2)**
2. Last date for receipt of tender: **24.08.2020 up to 4.00 P.M.**
3. Opening of Technical Bid on: **27.08.2020 at 10.00 A.M.**

Tender shall be submitted through e-procurement portal only & tender processing fees as per e-portal norms.
Please visit website: **https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** for submitting the bid. Any further details can be obtained from the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- Dy. General Manager (Materials)

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GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
POLICE DEPARTMENT
Office of the Superintendent of Police, D.K District, Mangaluru
No. STS/ 378 /DK/2019-20 **Dated: 23.07.2020**

E-TENDER NOTICE

The tender are invited in "Two Cover System" as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act, 1999 and Rules, 2000 through e-Procurement portal of Government of Karnataka **(www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in)** for supply of Traffic and Road Safety Equipments for D.K. District Police Unit.

Description of Tender: (1) Last date for tender Queries and Clarification: **30.07.2020, 11.00 AM. (2)** Pre-Bid Meeting: **31.07.2020, 11.00 AM. (3)** Last date and time for submission of tender: **05.08.2020, 5.00 PM. (4)** Date and Time opeining of Technical Bid: **07.08.2020, 11.00 AM. (5)** Date and Time opening of Financial Bid: **10.08.2020, 11.00 AM.**

In order to participate in e-Procurement platform all the intended tenderers have to register in the e-procurement portal. The Tenderers who participate can take assistance with e-procurement helpdesk at 080-23010900, 23010901 in order to participate in the e-Procurement tender. It is mandatory for tenderers to register in e-procurement platform. Please visit **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** and For any further clarification or information, the tenderer may contact Superintendent of Police, Dakshina Kannada District Contact No.09480805301 and Telephone No. 0824-2220503

DIPR/MNG/MCA/269/20-21 Dt.23.7.20 **Sd/- Superintendent of Police, D.K. District, Mangaluru**

DAKSHINA KANNADA CO-OPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS' UNION LTD.,
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IFT NO DKMU/ENGG/POWER/55 / 2020-21 Dated 22/07/2020

TENDER NOTIFICATION THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT

Tenders are invited for Proposal for supply of renewable power from vendors through open access at DKMUL dairy plant at Mangalore and Udupi. and under two bid (Technical and Commercial) systems through procurement portal of government of Karnataka The Interested Contractors/Agencies may apply through website **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sl No.	Name of the work	E M D (in Rs)
1.	**Etender:** Proposal for supply of renewable power from vendors through open access at DKMUL dairy plant at Mangalore and Udupi.	1,00,000

The last date for submission of bids is **12-08-2020 up to 4.00 PM**
Date of opening of technical tender is on **13-08-2020 at 4:30 PM**
Date of opening of Commercial tender: will be initiated later.
Item wise detailed Tender Form cost is as E-Procurement Portal of Government of Karnataka. The Managing Director reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.
Further details can be had form e-procurement website: **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** Helpdesk phone: **080-46010000/22631200and email: support@ihelpdsk.com.**

Place: Mangalore
Date: 22.07.2020 Sd/-, **MANAGING DIRECTOR**

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ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ ಸಂ. –2 (ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಮಾತ್ರ)

ವಿಷಯ: ಎಸ್.ಸಿ.ಪಿ/ಟಿ.ಎಸ್.ಪಿ.ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅನುಮೋದನೆಗೊಂಡಿರುವ ಒಟ್ಟು 15 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಮರು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ನೀಡುವ ಕುರಿತು.

Ref: 1) ಈ ಕಚೇರಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಪತ್ರ ಸಂ: 2020–21/ 28 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 15–05–2020.
2) ಈ ಕಚೇರಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ ಸಂ. –1: 2020–21/226 ದಿನಾಂಕ : 02–07–2020.

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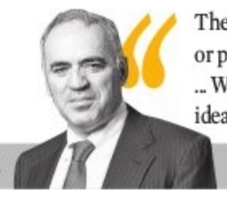

The point of modern propaganda isn't only to misinform or push an agenda. It is to exhaust your critical thinking ... We are (now) worried about the stifling of other new ideas and new voices due to fear and groupthink

Garry Kasparov

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— Ramnath Goenka

KERALA'S COVID DEFENCE IS FALLING APART

The fight against Covid-19 is a marathon, not a sprint, declared Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan recently, fending off criticism and defending his government's strategies to contain the pandemic. Rightly said, but there's a nagging feeling that his government, praised for its initial response to the viral outbreak and seemingly content with its brief moment of glory, may have been guilty of slackening the vigil, ignoring the three key requirements to win a marathon—endurance, perseverance and patience. Currently, infection is spreading at a rapid rate, and recoveries have fallen below 50%. Worryingly, more than 75% of the new cases these days are due to local transmission. Clearly, Kerala's Covid defence is falling apart, and the government needs much more than mere statements or PR exercises to remedy the situation.

The situation today calls into question the government's strategy of home quarantine for those who came in after lockdown relaxations kicked in and relatively low testing numbers that preceded the current phase. The unlocking process should have been accompanied by tightening vigil. To give credit to the CM, he kept warning about the impending threat and the perils of underestimating the virus. Sadly, the sentiments didn't reflect on the ground. The government's decision to hold the entrance test for admissions to professional courses has been an ill-advised one—six students and two parents have tested positive so far.

In terms of parameters such as case fatality and test positivity, Kerala still ranks way better than many others. But it currently has one of the highest rates of increase in cases. How the testing numbers have improved from 7,000/day early this month to nearly 20,000/day now shows the government has woken up to the seriousness of the situation, but since these numbers also include repeat tests, it isn't clear how many new people are tested every day. For a state that has been bragging about being a model for others not so long ago, comparisons with those which are struggling to deal with the virus should bring no relief. It must ramp up its defences, avoid misadventures and, more importantly, further reinforce testing and treatment facilities if it wants to remain a model.

ENTIRELY AVOIDABLE PONDY TURF WAR

The ongoing turf war in Puducherry simmered and boiled over, only to get back to the usual uneasy sabre-rattling between Chief Minister V Narayanasamy and Lt Governor Kiran Bedi. This time, it was over presenting the Budget. The ₹9,000-crore tax-free Budget that had varying grades of Bedi's objections was presented by the CM, who also holds the finance portfolio. It was done without her customary address. However, the daggers drawn have now been put back into their scabbards after Bedi said she will deliver the address on Friday, two days after the presentation. Bedi consented to do so after the government sent her the relevant files and a fresh invitation as per protocol.

Both the sides have been seeking refuge in the rule book and even knocked on the doors of courts to prove their point ever since Bedi assumed office in 2016. This time, Bedi's contention was that Narayanasamy had not sent her the Annual Financial Statement (AFS) and the demand for grants for approval, saying it was required under Section 27 and 28 of the Government of Union Territories Act, 1963. Assembly Speaker V P Sivakozhunthu, throwing his weight behind the CM, cancelled Bedi's customary address by adopting a resolution under Section 309 of the business rules in the House, saying she did not "turn up" for the inaugural day of the session. The CM, in his reply, said her approval for the AFS was not required as it had got the clearance from the President and the home ministry. The spat had already led to a 20-day delay in the Budget process.

In light of the ongoing tension, it remains to be seen what the future will hold for Puducherry. Bedi has often been accused of functioning at the Centre's behest. She has also been charged with overstepping her authority in 'blocking' welfare initiatives of the government and interfering in its day-to-day functioning. The Supreme Court last year upheld the Madras High Court's order that she could not interfere in the government's day-to-day activities. This administrative warfare is bound to hurt both the economy and the social fabric of the UT if it keeps popping up every other day.

Actively propagating falsehoods leads to the creation of myths, which could loop back into policymaking and have serious consequences

WHY DENYING THE TRUTH WILL HURT INDIA

SALMAN ANEES SOZ

Deputy Chairperson of the professionals' wing of the Congress

AMIT BANDRE

In a recent speech at the European Parliament, German Chancellor Angela Merkel made a forceful case against rising disinformation and the populism that stokes it. Speaking in the context of the Covid-19 crisis, Merkel asserted, "We have seen lies and disinformation, and that is no way to fight the pandemic," and that "the limits of populism and denial of basic truths are being laid bare". Merkel was giving voice to the frustration of many against populism, fact denialism and propagandist politics channelled through charismatic strongmen around the world. As Merkel suggests, real world problems are not amenable to populist solutions. India is no stranger to this phenomenon. It is paying a price for employing simplistic solutions to complex problems, for elevating disinformation over informed discourse, and for creating myths to bury reality.

In my last column for this newspaper, I spoke of a confluence of three crises buffeting India—a health crisis, an economic crisis and a national security crisis. In proposing ideas for tackling these inter-linked crises, I missed an opportunity to highlight a very important ingredient—truth-telling. Obfuscation, and we see a lot of it these days, will hurt India's ability to deal with these crises. The problem with denying the truth and actively propagating falsehoods is that it leads to the creation of myths, which could loop back into policymaking. This is dangerous and can have serious consequences.

In this context, three examples of obfuscation and one instance of myth-making come to mind. On the Covid-19 pandemic, Prime Minister Narendra Modi misled the public into believing that a 21-day lockdown would "break the chain" and contain the virus. There was no scientific evidence backing such an assertion but this would not be the first time he enacted evidence-free policy. With over a million confirmed Covid-19 cases, a rapidly rising caseload and a shambolic health system, one can only hope for the best. After all, we simply have not prepared for the worst.

Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal provides the second prominent example of obfuscation. After news broke of India generating a trade surplus last June, Mr Goyal tweeted the following: "Rapid Turnaround of Exports: Realising PM @NarendraModi ji's vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat, for the first time in 18 years, India records a monthly goods trade surplus in June!" Ordinarily, the first monthly trade surplus in 18 years should indeed be cause for celebration. The BJP's IT cell is probably bombarding this message to millions of WhatsApp accounts. However, what Mr Goyal may not wish to tell people is that India's exports contracted 12.4% while imports declined 47.6% in June. In fact, what the senior minister is celebrating is a devastating demand slowdown both in India and abroad. Is the government clueless or is it counting on our ignorance?

The third example of obfuscation leads us to Mr Modi again. In the standoff with China, the prime minister categorically stated, "Nobody has intruded into our border, neither is anybody there now, nor have our posts been captured." Since that time, it is amply clear that not only was Mr Modi misleading the country, he ended up gifting propaganda talking points to the Chinese. Some analysts believe that he was being pragmatic given the disparity between the Indian and Chinese militaries and that his ban on some Chinese apps, dubbed a "digital strike" by a fawning mainstream media, was a way to not lose face and score political points domestically. Is this sound national security policy?

The PM misled the public into believing that a 21-day lockdown would "break the chain" and contain the virus. There was no scientific evidence backing such an assertion ... With over a million confirmed Covid-19 cases and a rapidly rising caseload, one can only hope for the best. After all, we simply have not prepared for the worst

Such government obfuscation serves India poorly. More problematically, it eventually takes on mythic proportions and could possibly infect policymaking. One such myth is about the economic development gap between India and China. Some analysts argue that India is about 10-15 years behind China. The logic is that the Chinese started economic reforms in 1978 and India in 1991. That 13-year gap sustains. As evidence, some point out that India's GDP per capita in 2019 is the same as it was for China in 2006. If India grows faster, this gap will narrow.

This 13-year gap is a myth. It is only one part of a much bigger story. China is much further along on the development frontier. India's literacy rate in 2018 was close to China's rate in 1990. Stunting in Indian children today is close to China's level in the early 1990s. Poverty ($1.90/day) is almost non-existent in China. In agriculture, manufacturing, trade, infrastructure investment and on so many other indicators, China is a true global giant. That means it has also built extensive trade linkages across the globe. And if anyone tells you that the future belongs to India, keep in mind that China filed more applications (58,990) under the Patent Cooperation Treaty than any other country in 2019. India filed only 2,053 applications. Innovation is key to the future. China is far ahead.

Members of India's ruling establishment face a stark choice. They could accept reality and develop a coherent and implementable long-term development strategy to compete with China. The other option is to keep denying facts, cover up failures and hope that keeping the public in the dark will create enduring political power. The cost of this second option will be enduring underperformance and a diminished role for India in global affairs. Who is ready for that trade-off?

(The author was formerly with the World Bank. Views are personal. Tweets @SalmanSoz)

WHAT LEADS TO THE SUCCESS OR FAILURE OF A START-UP?

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Till about a decade ago, a fresh graduate starting a company was unheard of. It implied that he/she was unable to get a decent (or maybe even not so decent) job, did not have the credentials to become a professional and did not have a family business to join. This has changed and how: The country has seen the growth of angel investors, VC Funds abound and are growing year on year, and now corporates are also taking start-up bets. The pool of money is growing. And therefore a start-up is almost the first career choice.

A few success stories were all it needed, companies like Infosys, Naukri, Oyo, Flipkart, Big Basket or Zomato. Domestic and global investors are finding this to be an attractive asset class and investing in innovative ventures across sectors. This has made India the fastest growing start-up ecosystem.

So what leads to the success or failure of a start-up? While there is no sure-shot recipe for success, a few fundamentals have not changed even in the new normal:

Team: This is the most critical bet in a start-up—by definition, there is nothing else in a start-up but the team with its competency, ability and potential to lead. Passion, perseverance and patience are necessary reasons for a start-up to even have the potential to succeed. These are teams that will be "chased" by investors—rather than the other way round. Apart from a deep understanding of their space and their customer, this team must have a clear vision of what it wants to achieve, a passion for what it is doing, an understanding of each others' competencies and most importantly, implicit trust in each other.

Product/Services: Clarity on why the product is required and how it works is the reason for existence. "Best of next" is at the heart of innovation, ensuring functionality, quality and price competitiveness. And to stay ahead of the competition, it needs to keep innovating and upgrading.

Customer and Market Focus: Understanding the customer's need is key. Whether the product is allowing the customer to do his business "differently" or brings a "different" value, brings ease of use, easy access and affordability is critical for the product to be bought.

This is even more critical in Covid times as markets have not vanished but consumer behaviours have changed. Understanding this shift is important as factors like social distancing, digitisation, online commerce, etc., are new paradigms to incorporate.

Deep understanding of the market size, behaviour and trends are the key. They define the business model of the company. A "need-to-have" product will invariably have large and growing markets, and will require standardisation and scale, while "nice-to have" products will have niche and boutique businesses. This is what will drive the sales strategy for customer acquisition, distribution strategy, dealer networks, online sales, etc., whether it is 'one-time-use products, service-backed products or even customised products.

Equity is the most expensive way of raising funds, but in many cases, the only way for a start-up. Hence, raising money from quality equity investors is critical—those who invest beyond funds by adding value to help the company grow, provide operational guidance, etc. Choosing the right investor is almost a make-or-break decision

Delivery: A good product, a growing market and a potential customer are necessary but not sufficient factors for a profitable and valuable business. It is the delivery of the product to the customer *and* the customer deriving value from it, which brings in the revenues. An undamaged, perfectly functional product is what a customer wants served and that too with ... a smile. This is the most critical part of any business; it rests on the team's ability to execute perfectly and in unison. It is a well-delivered product/service that then goes to build brands, reputation and customer loyalty, which fuels growth and brings in a sense of achievement that ensures a high-quality team is charged up to "do more".

Finances and Funding: Representation of financials and projections is a mirror of the founders' thinking. In the early start-up stage, the projections are largely based on assumptions; so why are they important? It is as it provides a view into the founders' mind: How well is the business planned, have all the lines or revenue and expenses been recognised, etc.? And even more important: Is there a focus on cash flow. How efficiently is the company likely to be run? I often say that the left column of the Excel sheet is far more important than any other column: It's the quickest way to assess a business.

Of course, funding is critical. It is the fuel to get the business off the ground. There are several ways of funding a business. 1) Revenues: ideal as it delays any external obligations; 2) Grants: good for funding early years but in India, this is long and arduous and could come with some non-financial obligations; 3) Debt or loan: banks need to assess the history of the company, which is impossible for start-ups to provide and cannot provide the requisite collaterals; 4) Equity: through sale of the company's shares to investors who are now taking the same risk in the business as the entrepreneur and do become co-owners of your company. Equity is in effect the most expensive way of raising funds, but in many cases the only way. Hence, raising money from quality equity investors is critical: those who invest beyond funds, by adding value to help the company grow, provide operational guidance, leverage their networks for customers, talent, etc. makes it additive. Choosing the right investor is almost a make-or-break decision for the future of the company.

It is often said that "when the going tough, the tough get going". I would add that today, than ever before, the tough need to have a toughened partner to handhold them!

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Delay in justice delivery

After 35 years, a court gave a verdict pronouncing 11 Rajasthan policemen guilty for the murder of Raja Mansingh and his two associates in 1985. He was even the titular head of an erstwhile princely state. It cannot be denied that there is an unacceptable delay in the delivery of justice.

K S Sundaram, Coimbatore

Judicial reforms needed

Disposal of cases by courts is synonymous with not just delay, but inordinate delay. A verdict was delivered by the SC recently in a case that started in 1955 in TN's Coimbatore over a will. If a criminal case takes 35 years for disposal, the courts have no reason to be in a hurry to dispose of civil cases. Judicial reforms are much needed.

K V Seetharamaiah, Hassan

Its patience was exhausted

This is with reference to the article *Can the state assume the right to kill?* (July 23). In the examples that the author cites, the state responded after its patience was exhausted. Khalistanis, Naxalites and gangsters continued their murderous ways for years after which the state retaliated.

B Kailash Shankar, Thiruvananthapuram

Where there's a will ...

This is with reference to the editorial *Entrepreneurship lessons from Covid times* (July 23). This is timely motivation for entrepreneurs, the backbone of a nation's economy. The adage "Where there is a will, there's a way" has been seen in the way FMCG companies such as Hindustan Unilever have weathered the pandemic and posted profits.

Varadharajan A, Sirkazhi

Standing together

This is with reference to the conversation with Shashi Tharoor (*'India can catalyse countries to constrain China'*, July 23). It is true that China cannot be tackled alone by its neighbouring countries. China has antagonised many of its numerous neighbours, who have to come together.

K Jayanthi, Chennai

Consider Tharoor suggestion

Tharoor's opinion that the Chinese are rising as a superpower and will overtake the US before the midpoint of the century seems to have been arrived at after assessing the global situation using his vast experience in the UN and as MoS in the MEA. His suggestion about India catalysing a group of countries like Japan and Australia is worth considering.

N A Joseph, Ettumanoor

Religion won't work in TN

This is with reference to the editorial *Ideological battle brewing in TN* (July 22). Tamil Nadu is not a state to elect a party purely based on religious faith. The people of TN mostly regard religion as their personal issue. The attempt to denigrate Periyar would only have an adverse effect.

Ramiah Govindaraj, email

Special brand of secularism

It looks like some political parties and leaders in Tamil Nadu are taking the Hindu community for granted. People are perplexed by their selective silence after so-called rationalists hurled obscenities at the Kanda Sashti Kavasam, a devotional hymn on Lord Muruga. This special brand of secularism ought to be condemned.

R Sampath, Chennai

Nepotism has hindered it

This is with reference to *Celebrating 24 years of people's plan in Kerala* (July 23). The People's Plan Campaign, despite having positive elements such as decentralisation, has not been able to deliver what was truly expected due to nepotism.

S Lakshmi, email

Covid, Kerala and media

A foreign media outlet praised the Kerala government for its excellent management of the Covid pandemic a few months ago. The health minister was interviewed by them and congratulated for her sincere work. Now a report in the same outlet has noted that Covid cases in Kerala are rising fast and many in the LDF are not pleased.

M Haneef, Kottayam

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Piyush Goyal @PiyushGoyal
We need to prepare the nation and educate and skill our people to absorb technology.

Tejashwi Yadav @yadavtejashwi
The entire state cabinet is missing in action during this time of flood crisis in Bihar.

Sitaram Yechury @SitaramYechury
The Modi govt has completely lost its sense of proportion and appears to want to finish India as a democracy.

More doors now open for women officers in army

Permanent Commission to be granted to women officers in eight more fields

MAYANK SINGH @New Delhi

THE government on Thursday gave the final go-ahead to permanent induction of women Army officers in eight more streams.

The Army said in a statement: "The government has issued the formal sanction letter for grant of Permanent Commission (PC) to women officers in the Indian Army, paving the way for empowering women officers to shoulder larger roles in the organisation."

The order specifies grant of PC to Short Service Commissioned (SSC) women officers in eight more streams of the Indian Army — Army Air Defence (AAD), Signals, Engineers, Army Aviation, Electronics and Mechanical Engineers (EME), Army Service Corps (ASC), Army Ordnance Corps (AOC), and Intelligence Corps. These streams come under combat support and services. Women are not commissioned in the combat stream.

The women officers have already been getting PC in streams of Judge and Advocate General (JAG) and Army Educational Corps (AEC) since September 26, 2008.

"The Indian Army is committed to providing equal opportunities to all personnel, including women officers to serve the nation," said the Army.

Welcoming the decision, a woman officer said it is better late than never. "It is a big day for me as I have waited for 10 years to get Permanent Commission. Soon we will have our Selection Board."

> **Women officers have proved themselves and are valuable as they come with their core competencies.**
> Major General Dev Chaturvedi (Retd)

The decision has come after the Supreme Court in February ordered the Army to grant PC to women. As per Major General Dev Chaturvedi (Retd), the women officers will be an asset to the Army. "Women officers have proved themselves and are valuable as they come with their core competencies."

The Selection Board for the new incumbents for PC will be scheduled as soon as all SSC women officers exercise their option and complete requisite documentation.

PM Narendra Modi had on August 15, 2018, indicated such a move. Women are currently inducted through Short Service Commission (Technical) and Short Service Commission (Non-Technical) entries. Short Service Commission for women for five years started in 1992.

Gehlot unfazed, says raids won't deter him

RAJESH ASNANI AND RICHA SHARMA @Jaipur/New Delhi

DESPITE a setback in the Supreme Court, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot continues to be combative. A day after the Enforcement Directorate raided his brother's residence in Jodhpur, he remained re-asserted that his government had a majority in the Assembly. He indicated calling the Assembly session soon.

"The ED, CBI and Income Tax could be very active in our state, but we are not scared about the raids. These people are trying to destroy democracy, but people will never forgive them," he said. On the alleged BJP attempts to bring down his government, Gehlot said the audio clips revealing the "conspiracy" were genuine. "Obviously, the accused would always say 'it wasn't my voice'. They are also threatening people. Nothing is going to work. *Satyamev Jayate*," he told the media.

Gehlot said the clips could be sent abroad for tests. "They should step forward for a voice test. Leaders give speeches, so everyone knows whose voice it is," said the Chief Minister.

He also defended his letter to PM Modi. "I wrote it so that he would not later say he didn't have information or his people gave him incomplete information."

The Congress's central team is in Jaipur and has reportedly briefed Sonia and Rahul Gandhi on the developments in the state, said party sources. The team has reportedly informed the leadership that Gehlot, as of now, has the numbers, and that the BJP is working hard to lure away party MLAs and Independents with money and ministerial berths.

Party sources said till the Supreme Court gives a decision in the matter, the MLAs would continue to stay in a hotel to avoid poaching. About Sachin Pilot, the leadership was urged that the door should remain open for his return, if he gives up his demand for the CM post.

Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot speaks to mediapersons in Jaipur | EXPRESS

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> Ashok Gehlot, Rajasthan CM

'Despair in party over treatment to Scindia, Pilot'

HARPREET BAJWA @Chandigarh

HARYANA Congress leader Kuldeep Bishnoi on Thursday said there is a sense of despair among party workers over the treatment meted out to young leaders like Jyotiraditya Scindia and Sachin Pilot, and also urged the leadership to promote mass leaders in every state in the war against the BJP.

"Jyotiraditya Scindia and Sachin Pilot are very good friends and their leaving the party is hurting the Congress a lot. The treatment meted out to them by the party, there is a sense of despair among the party workers. I am a Congressman by birth and will never quit it," Bishnoi said in a video posted on Twitter on Thursday.

Taking a swipe at the old guard within the Congress, he said, "I want to tell the high command to bring mass leaders forward as they are the people who can give a fight to the BJP. Those people who have been occupying high posts for 30-35 years, who never fought elections, they should be given other responsibilities as we are headed towards a big war."

'Why can't Speaker wait for a day?'

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

MLAs are being given a chance to voice their grievances, Sibal said, when the court questioned him on his views on intra-party democracy. Sibal contended there have been numerous SC decisions which hold that actions outside the party, including not attending meeting, have resulted in disqualification. At this, the bench said the matter will require a detailed hearing as the issue of jurisdiction has to be decided. "These are important questions relating to democracy," said Justice Mishra.

The court asked Sibal why the Speaker could not wait for one more day for the rebel MLAs' response. The bench also declined his request to stay further proceedings of the high court or to transfer the matter to the Supreme Court. Senior Advocate Mukul Rohatgi pointed out that the Speaker had given two letters to the HC agreeing for deferment of proceedings, but he had not put those letters on record.

Echoing the same, senior advocate Harish Salve, representing Sachin Pilot and the 18 other rebel MLAs, said issues of jurisdiction and maintainability had been argued before the high court.

Credit society scam: Court directs probe into complaint against Shekhawat

A day after the ED raided CM Ashok Gehlot's brother, a Jaipur court directed Rajasthan Police to probe a complaint against Union minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat in a credit society scam. ADJ Pawan Kumar had directed the additional chief judicial magistrate's court to send the complaint against Shekhawat to the state police's special operations group. Shekhawat's wife is also named in the case. The Jaipur unit of the SOG has been probing the Sanjivani Credit Cooperative Society scam — in which around 50,000 investors allegedly lost about ₹840 crore — since an FIR was registered on August 23 last year.

EXPRESS READ

'Chabahar-Zahedan Rly project on track'

New Delhi: The Centre said reports of India being dropped from the Chabahar-Zahedan railway line project were put out by those with vested interests. "The project is on track and evidence to this is the invite sent out by the Head of Railway in Iran to the Indian ambassador for the inauguration of a project. They had very warm and friendly discussions over the project," MEA spokesperson Anurag Srivastava said. The Chabahar Port venture is often perceived to be India's answer to the Gwadar Port.

3 persons blacklisted for anti-India activities

New Delhi: The government has blacklisted a Pakistani and two Indian-origin persons based in the United States have for their alleged anti-India activities, officials said on Thursday, adding that the trio will not be able to travel to India. Four months ago, Shiv Sena MP Rahul Shewale had written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah about the alleged anti-India activities of Rehan Siddiqui, a US-based Pakistani, and Rakesh Kaushal and Darshan Mehta.

India says Pak's approach to Jadhav case farcical

PUSHKAR BANAKAR @New Delhi

INDIA on Thursday accused Pakistan of blocking all legal remedies for former Indian Navy officer Kulbhushan Jadhav and said Islamabad had adopted a farcical approach in handling the case.

"Over the past one year, we had requested for unhindered consular access for Jadhav 12 times. Pakistan did not grant it. In the absence of an unimpeded and unhindered consular access as well as of the relevant documents, as a last resort, India tried to file a petition on July 18. However, our Pakistani lawyer informed that a review petition could not be filed in the absence of power of attorney and supporting documents related to the case," MEA spokesperson Anurag Srivastava said

Srivastava's comments come days after the Pakistan Law and Justice Ministry filed a petition in the Islamabad High Court seeking the appointment of a lawyer for Jadhav. Pakistan had earlier this month said July 20 was the last date of filing a review petition against the death sentence awarded to him by a military court in Pakistan.

Jadhav, a former Indian Navy officer, was given a death sentence by a Pakistan military court after being arrested on charges of espionage. India had moved the ICJ in the case which stayed his execution and directed Pakistan to set up a review mechanism and grant immediate consular access to India.

Last week, India hit out at Pakistan and claimed that consular access was provided in an intimidating atmosphere with the presence of security officials. "As the access was provided in a hindered manner, the Indian consular officers could not take Jadhav's sign on the power of attorney and hence a review could not be filed in the Islamabad High Court," Srivastava said. Following India's protests, Pakistan Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi had offered India another visit without security cameras.

BREATHER

Eligibility criteria for NITs relaxed due to Covid

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

IN the wake of Covid-19 pandemic, the Central Seat Allocation Board on Thursday relaxed admission norms for admissions into National Institutes of Technology and Centrally Funded Technical Institutions.

This year, NITs will admit undergraduate students based on their performance in Joint Entrance Exam-Mains and will discount the class 12 board examination marks in the selection process, Ramesh Pokhariyal Nishank, Union Human Resources Development Minister announced.

"JEE Main 2020 qualified candidates will now only need to obtain a passing certificate in Class XII examination irrespective of the marks obtained," he tweeted.

The Joint Admission Board of Indian Institutes of Technology had already taken a similar decision a few days back. Earlier, along with the performance in JEE-Mains, both IITs and NITs used to demand either 75% mark in the board examinations or a place in the top 20 percentile of their respective boards.

"For admissions to IITs, apart from qualifying the JEE (Advanced), the eligibility was to secure either a minimum score of 75% marks in class XII Board exams or rank among the top 20 percentile in their qualifying examinations," Pokhariyal tweeted."Due to the partial cancellation of class XII exams by several Boards, the Joint Admission Board has decided to relax the eligibility criterion for JEE (Advanced) 2020 qualified candidates this time."

This year, the CBSE board examinations had been disrupted due a nationwide lockdown enforced in late March in order to contain Covid 19 spread and the board later cancelled the remaining examinations scoring students on the basis of their performance in previous papers.

'Peace in border area basis of bilateral ties with China'

PUSHKAR BANAKAR @New Delhi

INDIA on Thursday reiterated that maintenance of peace along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) was the basis of bilateral relations with China and said it expected Beijing to be sincere in ensuring the complete disengagement of troops in Ladakh.

"The maintenance of peace and tranquillity in the border areas is the basis of our bilateral relationship. Therefore it is our expectation that the Chinese side will sincerely work with us for complete disengagement and de-escalation and full restoration of peace and tranquillity in the border areas at the earliest as agreed to by the Special Representatives," Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Anurag Srivastava said.

Srivastava said that a meeting of the Working Mechanism for Consultation and Coordination (WMCC) is expected to take place soon. The decision to disengage from the LAC came after 20 Indian soldiers were killed in a violent face-off with Chinese troops in the Galwan Valley area.

Following the incident, four rounds of corps commander level talks were held and a dialogue between the special representatives - National Security Advisor Ajit Doval and Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi - was held on July 5 after which the disengagement process began.

"We have also made it clear that India is fully committed to observing and respecting the LAC and that we will not accept any unilateral attempts to change the status quo along LAC," MEA spokesperson said.

He said the two sides have agreed during the conversation of the Special Representatives to work towards complete disengagement of the troops along the LAC and de-escalation from border areas for full restoration of peace and tranquillity.

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> Anurag Srivastava, MEA spokesperson

'Progress of disengagement encouraging'

PUSHKAR BANAKAR @New Delhi

BRITISH High Commissioner to India Sir Philip Barton on Thursday said that the progress of disengagement between India and China along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) was encouraging.

"I would like to say that the progress we have seen in managing the tensions and the commitment the two special representatives of India and China made on boundary question to disengage and de-escalate is welcome," he said.

Barton said was the UK was aware of the challenges posed by some Chinese actions and that London has been working with its close allies like the US to deal with them.

WAR OF TWEETS

Rahul attacks PM again, BJP says 'ignore him'

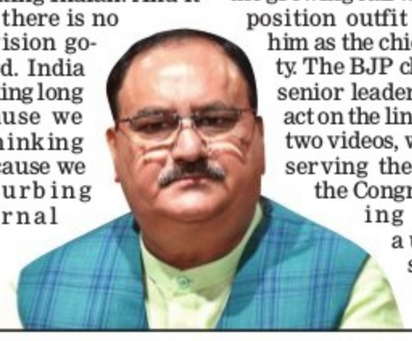
EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

CONGRESS leader Rahul Gandhi on Thursday attacked Prime Minister Narendra Modi on LAC standoff and ongoing Rajasthan crisis. On China intrusion in Ladakh, Rahul said that PM lacks a clear vision and rather he is 100 per cent focussed on building his image and that is the reason that China is occupying Indian Territory.

In a video series, Gandhi said, "PM is 100% focused on building his own image. India's captured institutions are all busy doing this task. One man's image is not a substitute for a national vision." Pointing towards the Rajasthan political crisis, Rahul said, "We are fighting amongst each other. Just look at the politics. All day long; all day long; Indian is fighting Indian. And it is because there is no clear cut vision going forward. India is not thinking long term because we are not thinking big and because we are disturbing our internal balance."

"And I know that the Prime Minister is an opponent. My responsibility is to question him. My responsibility is to ask questions and to put pressure on him so he does his work. His responsibility is to give the vision. It's not there," he said.

> **The BJP chief will be better off not reacting to the insinuations of Gandhi since it's going to be a regular affair. It's clear that the Congress is attempting an image makeover by Gandhi**
> Senior BJP functionary



On why China has encroached Indian territory, Rahul said it is because of a lack of vision.

Meanwhile, unlike earlier editions of Gandhi's attack, BJP chief **J P Nadda** and other leaders stayed away from reacting as part of the growing consensus to not join the issue with the Congress leader.

"The BJP chief will be better off not reacting to the insinuations of Gandhi since it's going to be a regular affair. It's clear that the Congress is attempting an image makeover by Gandhi amid the growing call within the Opposition outfit to reinstate him as the chief of the party. The BJP chief or other senior leaders, if they react on the lines of his first two videos, would only be serving the purpose of the Congress of granting a larger audience," said a BJP functionary.

Scindia, Gogoi now members of Parliament committees

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

FORMER Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi has been nominated for department related standing committee on External Affairs while BJP MP Jyotiraditya Scindia has become a member of the Parliamentary Committee on Human Resource Development (HRD).

Rajya Sabha Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu Thursday nominated new members to various Department Related Parliamentary Standing Committees. About 45 newly elected RS members were administeres the oath Wednesday.

NCP leader Sharad Pawar has been made a member of the Committee on Defence and Congress member Digvijaya Singh has been nominated to the Committee on Urban Development.

Naidu nominated 65 members on different committees, including filling up of some vacancies by the sitting members like ministers who cannot be nominated for any committes.

Among others who have been nominated to various Parliamentary Committees are Bhubaneswar Kalita (HRD), G K Vasan (HRD), Subrata Bakshi, Ram Chander Jangra, Alla Ayodhya Rami Reddy and Sumer Singh Solanki.

STRIKE AT HOSPITAL

With hundreds of contractual nursing staff going on strike, health services were majorly hit at AIIMS-Patna. The agitating staff put an 8-point demands, including equal pay for equal work and regularisation of their services

50% QUOTA FOR WOMEN IN RURAL POLLS IN HARYANA

Ahmedabad	36	28	Mumbai	32	26
Bhopal	33	24	Panaji	31	25
Jaipur	36	26	Patna	30	26
Amritsar	35	26	Lucknow	35	27
Chennai	34	27	Port Blair	31	25
Kolkata	32	26	Imphal	31	23
Srinagar	31	13	Chandigarh	32	26

UP sees 145% spike in Covid cases

Active infections account for 36% of total cases; recovery rate is 61.5%; fatality at 2.2%

NAMITA BAJPAI @Lucknow

RAMPED-UP Covid-19 testing is revealing what has been feared in Uttar Pradesh: the state has registered a huge jump of around 145 per cent in coronavirus cases this month, registering 58,117 cases till Thursday, with the highest single-day spike of 2,529 cases.

Of the total, 35,803 or 61.5% of the patients have recovered and 1,298 or 2.2% have died. The number of active infections in the state is 21,003, which accounts for 36 per cent of the state tally.

The state has scaled up daily sample testing to over 54,897 in the last 24 hours. "CM Yogi Adityanath has told health authorities to further increase the daily testing to one lakh. The testing can include rapid antigen technique. The CM wants a large population covered for testing so that the fatality rate comes down," said Additional Chief Secretary, Home, Awanish Awasthi on Thursday.

CM Yogi Adityanath has told health authorities to further increase the daily testing to one lakh. The testing can include rapid antigen technique —Awanish Awasthi, UP Additional Chief Secretary, Home

An analysis shows more than half of the cases in the state were added in July alone. The total number of cases till June 30 was 23,750 while 34,367 cases were reported this month.

District-wise assessment of cases indicates that over 49% of the cases in UP are from 13 big cities of the state, including Gautam Budh Nagar, Ghaziabad, Lucknow, Kanpur, Varanasi, Gorakhpur, Bareilly, Aligarh, Mathura, Meerut, Jhansi, Agra and Prayagraj.

Additional Chief Secretary (Health & Family Welfare) Amit Mohan Prasad said the surge is maximum in big cities. In terms of deaths (till Thursday), Kanpur leads (toll 142) followed by Meerut (100) and Agra (97).

Agra has topped the chart with a fatality rate of 6.70% among 75 districts of the state, according to the state health department data updated till July 22. The city has recorded 1,446 cases and 97 deaths since the pandemic started in the state. The state's first case was reported from Agra on March 2.

Agra's fatality rate is followed by Firozabad (6.50%), Pratapgarh (5.52%), Meerut (5.48%) and Kanpur (5.11%).

However, state capital Lucknow, which is now topping the state tally with over 3,000 active cases, is at the 52nd position with a 1.28% fatality rate.

Shahjahanpur has the lowest death percentage of 0.24, according to the analysis done by the state health department. Pilibhit, Lakhimpur and Kasganj have reported no deaths

Air India not to sack staff, review allowances later

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

IN a big relief to employees, Air India on Friday made it clear that no employee will be laid off and added that there would be no reduction in basic pay, dearness and house rent allowances of any category of employees.

The decision was taken in a review meeting at the Civil aviation ministry. "Recent decisions of Air India Board regarding rationalisation of staff cost were reviewed in a meeting at ministry this evening. The meeting reiterated that unlike other carriers which have laid off large number of their employees, no employee of Air India will be laid off," said the national carrier.

"There has been no reduction in the Basic Pay, DA and HRA of any category of employees. The rationalization of allowances had to be implemented on account of the difficult financial condition of the airline that was exacerbated by COVID-19."

Flying crew will be paid as per the actual number of hours flown, it said, adding that allowances will be reviewed once the airline's financial position improves.

Various employees unions of Air India were protesting for last few days following the decision on leave without pay by the airline management. Earlier this month, the A-I Board had approved a scheme for sending staff on leave without pay for a time period ranging from six months to two years which could be extended up to five years.

The airline had earlier said that in a challenging financial situation, it was taking recourse to several initiatives with a view to ensure that its flight operations continue.

However, airline employees unions wrote to the management and the ministry slamming the move. They said that the scheme has been finalized without consulting the pilots. Pilots associations have also asserted that nearly 60 Air India pilots operating repatriation flights under Vande Bharat Mission to bring back Indians stranded abroad have tested Covid positive.

NO RESPITE

HC fails to take up Varavara Rao's bail plea

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mumbai

JAILED poet-activist Varavara Rao's wait for bail got longer as the Bombay High Court on Thursday could not hear his appeal against rejection of interim medical bail by a sessions court.

The appeal was reportedly listed for hearing but the bench headed by Justice S S Shinde could not take it up due to lack of time. The 81-year-old activist, who suffers from a host of ailments and had also tested positive for Covid-19, is currently admitted in Mumbai's Nanavati Hospital.

The NHRC had stepped in to order both the Centre and the state to provide medical aid to the veteran poet.

The bail pea of lawyer-activist Sudha Bharadwaj, also an accused in the Elgar Parishad case, could also not be taken up for the same reason. The Byculla jail authorities told the HC that while Bharadwaj is a diabetic and suffers from suffers from ischemic disease — which leads to reduced supply of blood in the body and could result in life-threatening problems like a heart attack or stroke — her vital parameters are normal.

Kadha with care: In Maharashtra, Malegaon turns the corona corner

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @Mumbai

MALEGAON was once the hotspot of Covid-19 patients in Maharashtra. It is now turning out to be a model for others to follow because of Unani '*kadha*' and unique administrative measures.

The minority-dominated and highly congested textile town in northern Maharashtra, 250 km from Mumbai, has so far recorded 1,266 corona patients and 86 deaths.

Deepak Kasar, head of Malegaon Municipal Corporation, said the patient doubling ratio in the town has gone from two days in May to 123 days in July. In Mumbai, it is 27 days, 23 in Maharashtra and 17 across the country. "There were 16 deaths in April, 55 in May, 15 in June and nine in July. We have focused on immunity-boosting in various ways," said Kasar.

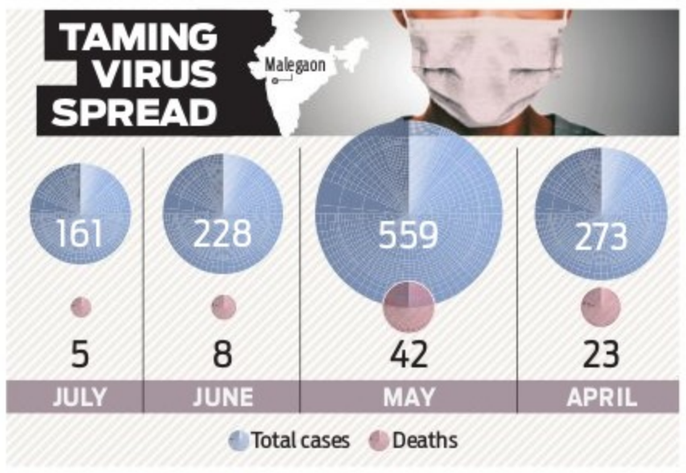
"Besides routine medicines, the patients were also given Unani or Ayurvedic extracts of various herbs. We gave them the confidence that they would be all right," said Kasar, who too was infected. "I started cycling for at least 20 km every day. Our guardian minister Dada Bhuse visited various parts of the city on cycle. Our confidence helped the people to drive away the fear about the infection. Besides, in the Covid centre, we applied some modification in our treatment."

The patients admitted to the centre would start their day with 'dancing yoga' or any light physical exercise. "We also allowed them to play cricket and other outdoor games. Then, FM radio and TV sets were brought in...the patients were free to sing '*bhajan*' and recite '*shayari*' as well," said Kasar.

He said initially, many people in residential colonies did not let in those who were working at the Covid centre for fear of getting infection.

"We made arrangements for these health workers and doctors in hotels and hostels and provided them all facilities. This way, the frontline warriors were fit to work for the people. Their tests were also carried out regularly and the reports were shown to the residents," said Kasar.

The Unani Kadha which is supposed to have done wonders for Malegaon was prepared by local Dr Abulirfan Ansari, former principal of Mohammadiya Tibbiya College. He distributed it not only among the infected but also others.



BMC workers clean a viewing gallery opposite CST Station in Mumbai | PTI

EXPRESS READ

50K members joined BJP in Kashmir: Leader

Srinagar: The BJP in J&K enlisted about 50,000 new members in Kashmir Valley in last 11 months. BJP General Secretary (Org) Ashok Koul said acceptance of the BJP in the Valley has increased and more people are joining the party. He said about 30,000-50,000 people have joined the party since August 5 last year when the Centre scrapped Articles 370 and 35A.

Assam flood: Four more die, close shave for activist

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

FOUR more people died in Bongaigaon, Kokrajhar, Morigaon and Golaghat districts as the flood situation in Assam worsened further after rains for the past two days.

While the flood has claimed 93 lives, landslides have killed another 26 victims.

Environmentalist Jadav Payeng narrowly escaped death after his boat capsized on the Brahmaputra in Jorhat district on Wednesday. Accompanied by his son and nephew, he was rowing to Molai Kathoni when the mishap occurred. All three of them were washed away downstream for about 3 km by the swirling water before a mechanised boat rescued them.

The swollen Brahmaputra, Dhansiri, Jia Bharali, Beki, Kopili, Sankosh and Kushiyara rivers inundated vast swathes of land. Standing crop in over 1.19 lakh hectares of land was under water.

A team of medics provide medicines to the flood-affected people in Assam's Morigaon district on Thursday | PTI

I am travelling across flood-hit districts to ensure that immediate relief works are undertaken and quality food items and facilities are provided at flood relief camps —Sarbananda Sonowal, Assam CM

According to the Assam State Disaster Management Authority, over 28.32 lakh people from 2,634 villages and localities were in the grip of the deluge. The National Disaster Response Force, the State Disaster Response Force, the police and locals were engaged in rescue operations. Authorities set up 456 relief camps where 47,213 people were sheltered.

At Kaziranga, 123 animals, including 12 rhinos, died till Thursday morning.

Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal said the Centre had formed a panel that recommended the setting up of North East Water Management Authority under the chairmanship of NITI Aayog Vice Chairman to permanently solve the problems of flood and erosion in Assam.

Yogi govt rejigs land allotment norms for factories

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

AFTER easing norms for industrial land allotment in NCR and other industrial hubs across the state, the UP Cabinet has now approved a proposal cancelling such an allotment if no such unit is set up within a year of the allotment.

"They (factory owners) should, at least, commence work within a year, else the allotment would be cancelled," said a senior official.

The proposal was passed by the Yogi Adityanath Cabinet by circulation on Thursday. The decision is one of the reform measures to spruce up the system to draw big-ticket global investment during the corona times. The government had recently introduced relaxation in labour laws in an attempt to revive the industrial growth.

Land allotment for industries is meant to quicken the pace of growth (of the state). No one can simply sit on a land meant for setting up factories —Satish Mahana, UP Industrial Development Minister

Industrial Development Minister Satish Mahana said the land allotment for industries is meant to quicken the pace of growth. "No one can simply sit on a land meant for setting up factories."

The government has already announced a logistics park near Greater Noida and also awarded the industry status to warehouse and logistics. To speed up the process of industrialisation, it would allot land for warehousing and in the proposed logistics park on industrial rates.

It is offering special incentives to investors in the backward Bundelkhand and Purvanchal regions.

Industrial Development Minister Satish Mahana says the decision would help in 'ease of doing business' in the state by streamlining the process and ensuring "absolute transparency" in land management through a time-bound system. The decision was taken for different categories of investment projects under UP Industrial Investment and Employment Promotion Policy of 2017, he said.

According to a government order issued on Monday, the land allotment for mega, megaplus and super mega industrial units will be fast-tracked to a maximum of 15 days.

A monthly land allotment cycle will be adopted through e-auction. UP Additional Chief Secretary, (Infrastructure & Industrial Development) Alok Kumar said in the case of different categories of projects, the investment would be calculated on the basis of DPR at the specified norm of minimum ₹2 crore per acre to ensure that investors did not obtain land more than what is required.

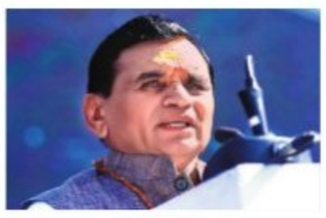
Slowly but surely, BJP chips away at Congress in Madhya Pradesh

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bhopal

THE opposition Congress suffered another jolt on Thursday with its Mandhata MLA **Narayan Patel** resigning from the Madhya Pradesh Vidhan Sabha membership and joining the BJP a few hours later.

Three first-time Congress legislators, including Pradyuman Singh Lodhi, Sumitra Devi Kasdekar and Patel, have joined the BJP within the last 11 days. Since March, 25 Congress MLAs have deserted the party and joined the BJP.

With Thursday's development, the Congress's strength in the Assembly is down to 89.



The BJP with 107 members and support of at least five more allied MLAs has a majority on its own in the present 203-member Vidhan Sabha. The Election Commission will have to conduct bypolls to 27 Assembly seats by September.

"There isn't selfish interest in it... I've made this decision for my constituency's development and am submitting a list of demands to the CM," Patel said, after accepting the BJP's membership at state BJP HQ on Thursday.

At the BJP headquarters, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said the exodus of Congress MLAs clearly tells that the opposition is now confined to Twitter. "How can there be place for Narayan in Congress, which is even questioning the Ram Temple construction start at Ayodhya. While the Congress is ruled by one family in Delhi, a single person (Kamal Nath) is calling the shots in Madhya Pradesh," the CM asserted.

Cops donate plasma after Covid recovery

The Bihar Police is motivating its personnel to help people by donating their plasma. Several cops have recovered from the coronavirus disease in the state and are now helping the fight against Covid-19 by donating their plasma. Three cops from Nalanda district recently their plasma at AIIMS in Patna. The donor cops were felicitated with citations and mementos by senior police officers in Nalanda. According to ADG (HQ) Jitendra Kumar, more than 202 cops have recovered so far while over 650 are down with the infection.

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PATNA DIARY

SAMAGRA app helping railway passengers: Official

An app developed by the Samastipur Division of East Central Railway in Bihar has become an instant hit with the passengers. The SAMAGRA (Samastipur Mandal App for General Railways Assistance) app helps people get information about their journey or other passenger services from division. "It is being widely used for getting information related to journey and other services," said Rajesh Kumar, Chief Spokesperson for the ECR's Samastipur Division. He said that people are downloading this app on their Android smartphones to get instant information. "This app is also a lot to employees of the division's commercial department for preparing details of tickets checking, reservations, and parcel booking," he said.

Patna zoo loses one of its male giraffes

The Sanjay Gandhi Biological Park, well known as Patna Zoo, lost one of its male giraffes after a fortnight of illness. The giraffe died due to the problems caused by pulmonary tuberculosis, as per the preliminary medical report. Zoo Director Amit Kumar said that a team of doctors was involved in the treatment of the giraffe. They also got counsel from veterinarians from Hyderabad and Alipur zoos. "Despite all efforts, the giraffe succumbed to illness on July 16," he said. The giraffe was brought to the zoo in 2006 under the animal-swapping program at the age of 1 year.

Fodder delivery vans to help stray bovines

Bihar Agriculture Minister Dr Prem Kumar recently flagged-off 'Fodder Delivery Vans' in Gaya to distribute fodder to stray bovines during the lockdown. The vans will provide food to strays usually who are finding it hard to survive during these times. The number of these animals has in decline in Bihar and their population fell by 66.54% as per the 19th and 20th Livestock census. Kumar said every living being needs food and fodder. He also urged the people to feed the cattle and animals compassionately.

900 jobs

British vacuum cleaner maker Dyson said it was eliminating because of the coronavirus outbreak

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Istanbul	28	19	SNY	Toronto	26	16	TDS
London	25	15	LC	Washington DC	33	25	TDS

US virus infections exceed 4 million, deaths and hospitalisations rising

For nearly three weeks now, Florida has been reporting over 10,000 new cases a day

CHINA RESEARCHER TAKES REFUGE IN CONSULATE IN US

A Chinese researcher who US authorities say hid her ties to the People's Liberation Army has taken refuge in Beijing's San Francisco consulate to avoid visa fraud charges, in a case Beijing said was "naked political persecution." According to a court document filed this week in a separate case in California, Tang Juan, a cancer treatment researcher at University of California-Davis, lied about her position as a PLA civilian medical official on her visa application last year. After FBI agents interviewed Tang on June 20, she took refuge in the consulate.

Two women and a child wait to take a Coronavirus test at a mobile testing site at the Charles Drew University of Medicine and Science in Los Angeles | AP

WASHINGTON

The total number of confirmed Covid-19 cases in the United States crossed the 4-million mark on Thursday, another grim milestone in the pandemic ravaging the world.

Hospitalisations and deaths continue to rise. In some places, the true number of infections could be 13 times as high as the official count, public experts say.

Florida reported a record daily coronavirus death toll of 173 on Thursday in the latest reflection of the Covid-19 surge in America.

The state health department said there were 10,249 new cases for a total of 389,868 people infected and 5,518 fatalities.

For nearly three weeks now Florida has been reporting over 10,000 new cases a day. Other states in the south and west of the US are also seeing alarming increases as the country now regularly reports over 60,000 new cases a day.

A total of 82% of the new fatalities in this warm, sunny state popular with retirees were over age 65. And 46% lived or worked in nursing homes.

The health care system in Florida is so overburdened that people who get tested are having to wait five to 10 days for the results, a span during which they can continue to infect relatives and co-workers.

White House drops payroll tax cut as GOp unveils aid

The White House has reluctantly dropped a bid to cut Social Security payroll taxes as Republicans unveil a $1 trillion Covid-19 rescue package on Thursday, ceding to opposition to the idea among top Senate allies.

"It won't be in the base bill," said Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin, speaking on CNBC about the payroll tax cut, killing the idea for now. The idea has been a major demand of President Donald Trump. "The president is very focused on getting money quickly to workers right now and the payroll tax takes time," Mnuchin said at the Capitol. Only Sunday, Trump said in a Fox News interview that "I would consider not signing it if we don't have a payroll tax cut." The legislation, set to be released Thursday morning by Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., comes amid alarming developments on the virus crisis.

McConnell's package is an opening GOP bid in talks with top Capitol Hill Democrats in a negotiation that could be rockier than talks in March that produced a $2 trillion rescue package. GOP senators and Trump are at odds over priorities, and Democrats say it's not nearly enough to stem the health crisis, reopen schools and extend jobless aid. *AP*

Trump touts five-word memory test

Donald Trump has divulged details of a cognitive test he "aced" -- including a five-word memory challenge he said proved he had the "mental stamina" to lead the US. "Person. Woman. Man Camera. TV," the US president recited as he revealed details of the much-discussed test to Fox TV on Wednesday. "The last questions are much more difficult," he said in an interview on "Tucker Carlson Tonight", in which he repeatedly questioned the mental capacity of his Democratic rival Joe Biden. "Like a memory question. It's like, you'll go: Person. Woman. Man. Camera. TV," the president said. "So they say, 'Could you repeat that?' So I said, 'Yeah. It's: Person. Woman. Man. Camera. TV.'"

Federal agents tear-gas city's mayor amid angry protests

WASHINGTON

The mayor of Portland, Oregon was tear-gassed by U.S. government agents late Wednesday as he stood outside a federal courthouse during another night of protests against the presence of the agents dispatched by President Donald Trump to quell the city's ongoing unrest.

Mayor Ted Wheeler, a Democrat, appeared slightly dazed and coughed and said it was the first time he'd been tear-gassed.

He put on a pair of goggles someone handed him and drank water but did not leave his spot at the front and continued to take gas as the protest raged — with demonstrators lighting a large fire between the fence and the Mark O. Hatfield Federal Courthouse amid the pop-pop-pop sounds of the federal agents deploying tear gas and stun grenades into the crowd.

It wasn't immediately clear if the agents knew Wheeler was among those in crowd when they used the tear gas. *AP*

Mayor Ted Wheeler in Portland, Oregon | AP

UK govt's satellite firm bid with Bharti under scrutiny

LONDON

A UK parliamentary panel has launched an inquiry into the UK government's successful bid to acquire satellite technology firm OneWeb along with India's Bharti Enterprises earlier this month.

The winning bid hailed as reflective of the scale of Britain's ambitions on the global stage by UK Business Secretary Alok Sharma has come under the scanner of the House of Commons Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) Committee as "troubling and concerning" after it was alerted by a civil servant in the government over concerns around the investment.

As part of the deal, Sharma had confirmed that the UK will invest USD 500 million and take a "significant" equity share in London-based OneWeb, which had declared bankruptcy earlier this year.

Another USD 500-million will come from Bharti Global Ltd, an entity of the Sunil Bharti Mittal led Indian telecom major.

'Now more than ever, the government needs to ensure that it's spending tax-payers money as prudently and wisely as possible. Using nearly half a billion pounds of taxpayers money to gamble on a 'commercial opportunity' whilst still failing to support manufacturing jobs with a sector deal is both troubling and concerning,' said Darren Jones, Opposition Labour Party MP and Chair of the BEIS Committee, as he announced an inquiry starting in September.

'The Secretary of State's [Sharma] use of a Ministerial Direction to push through the purchase of a stake in OneWeb against the advice of his own Permanent Secretary heightens concerns around this investment and about the prospects of this delivering UK jobs and value for taxpayers' money.

The Permanent Secretary in the BEIS department had written to Sharma ahead of the deal expressing concern that all of the government's investment may be lost. *PTI*

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PUBLIC NOTICE

We **1. Anand Dass Joseph @ Anand.J, 2. Selvi William, 3. Karuna Karan Joseph, 4. Anitha Paranthaman, 5. Rajendra Prasad .J** are the children and legal heirs of Late Mr.A.Joseph and Late.Carleen Joseph.

That our father Late.A.Joseph was the owner of the Schedule Property. After the death of our father and our mother, we became the legal heirs and joint owners of the Schedule Property.

Now we came to know through reliable sources that some third party/parties is/are trying to avail loan from financial institutions, private financiers etc., for securing finance on the basis of forged and fabricated documents relating to the Schedule Property.

Therefore we hereby NOTIFY THE GENERAL PUBLIC/INSTITUTIONS not to enter into or agree to enter into any transaction(s) with the third party with respect to Schedule Property. General Public are cautioned that if any such transaction is entered into, it shall be wholly illegal and at their own risk and consequences and shall not be binding on us.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Property bearing B.B.M.P. No.90/189, 190, H.B.R.1st Block, 3rd Stage, BDA Layout, Bengaluru, (Previously Converted Property bearing Sy.No.189 measuring 2(two) Acres 14(fourteen) Guntas and a Portion of Sy.No.190 measuring 1(one) Acre 06(six Guntas, together measuring 3(three) Acres 20(twenty) Guntas, both properties abutting to each other and situated at Kacharakanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, North Taluk, Bangalore) bounded on:

East by : Property Sy.No.188 and 191; West by : Private Property; North by : Portion of land bearing Sy.No.190; and South by : Land bearing Sy.No.184.

1. Anand Dass Joseph @ Anand.J, 2. Selvi William,
3. Karna Karan Joseph, 4. Anitha Paranthaman, 5. Rajendra Prasad .J

All Correspondence shall be at No.33/1, 1st Cross, Vivekananda Nagar, Maruti Sevanagar Post, Bengaluru-560033. Date: 24-07-2020

CAUTION NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the General Public that my client Sri. Vasu Ramiah, S/o. late Ramiah Munivenkatappa, is the owner and in possession of the lands bearing Sy.Nos. 114/1 measuring 04 Acres 30 Guntas of dry land and 03 Guntas of kharab land, Sy.No. 1/1 measuring 04 Acres 38 Guntas of dry land and 02 Guntas of kharab land, both the lands are situated at Nagondanahalli Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk and land bearing Sy.No. 86 measuring 01 Acre 25 Guntas dry land and 02 Guntas of kharab land, situated at Channasandra Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, which are morefully described as Items 1 to 3 to the schedule hereunder and hereinafter referred to as the Items 1 to 3 of the Schedule Properties.

This is to notify the General Public that some unscrupulous person/s posing themselves as owners/representatives of the owner of the Items 1 to 3 of the Schedule by creating some fabricated documents with ulterior motive to earn wrongful gain and cheat my Client are fraudulently offering to sell the Items 1 to 3 of the Schedule Properties to the third parties.

I hereby wish to caution the General Public not to fall prey to such fraudulent activities.

If the general public come across any such fraudulent incident, documents or have any information regarding the same shall inform the undersigned to take appropriate action to curb such fraudulent activities.

: SCHEDULE :

ITEM No. 1: All that piece and parcel of the land bearing **Sy.No. 114/1, measuring 04 Acres 30 Guntas of dry land and 03 Guntas of kharab land,** situated at Nagondanahalli Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk and bounded on the :

East by : Lands belonging to Anil Patel,Sobha Developers & Others (Sy.No. 113)
West by : Lands belonging to Abbaiah & Smt. Lakshmidevamma (Sy.No. 117)
North by: Boundary of Janatha Housing Colony;
South by: Land belonging to Sobha Developers (Sy.No. 114/2).

ITEM No. 2: All that piece and parcel of the land bearing **Sy.No. 1/1, measuring 04 Acres, 38 Guntas dry land and 02 Guntas of kharab,** together with Pump house and a Farm House, situated at Nagondanahalli Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk & bounded on the :

East by : Immadahalli-Channasandra Road; West by : Property belonging to Munibyrappa;
North by : Canal; South by: Janatha Colony.

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North by : Land bearing Sy.No. 87; South by : Korakalu Halla and lands bearing Sy.Nos. 78 & 79.

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All the piece & parcel of Residential Site bearing Site no.41 measuring 1200 sqft, Katha No.243, E Katha new No.150200200900700283, comprised in Sy.No.29 situated at Shriram Bhairavi Layout, Meesaganahalli village, JalaHobli, Bengaluru North Taluk Bengaluru 562157.

Please note that I, the Authorised Officer of the secured creditor Bank intend to enforce the aforesaid security in the event of failure to discharge your liabilities in full on or before the expiry of 60 days from the date of this publication.

Place: Mangaluru **Sd/- Chief Manager & Authorised Officer**
Date: 24.07.2020 **For Karnataka Bank Ltd.**

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OA No. 649/2018

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Gubbi Taluk, Tumukur District..... **Applicant**
AND
Sri. Mallegowda
and others .....**Defendants**
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Take notice that, in default of your appearance on the day before mentioned, the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of the tribunal on this **17th day of June 2020**
By Order of the Tribunal
Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal-2
Bangalore

Government of India
MINISTRY OF FINANCE,
DEPTT. OF FINANCIAL SERVICES
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-2, BENGALURU
No.4, 2nd Floor, Jeevan Mangal Building, Residency Road, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560025.

(See Regulation 33(2)) FORM NO. 14
TRC NO. 420/2018

Dena Bank, K G Road Branch,
Maharashtra Mandal Building,
2nd Cross, Gandhinagar
Bangalore - 560 009
- Certificate Holder

Versus

M/s Laven's Retail Pvt Ltd & others
- Defendants

DEMAND NOTICE

To
1. M/s Laven's Retail Pvt Ltd
No. 80/3, Durtha Complex, Begur Main Road, Hongasandra, Bangalore-560 068
Represented by
a. Sri Prasanth Kumar, Director
b. Smt. Reddivar Binatha, Director
2. Sri. Prasanth Kumar
S/o Sri K.S.Prasad Reddy
R/at: No. 290/4 Balaji Complex Rajivgandhinagar, Bommanahalli, Hosur Main Road, Bangalore – 560 058
3. Smt Reddivari Binatha
W/o Sri K.Yashawant Kumar
R/at: No.290/4, Balaji Complex, Rajivgandhinagar ,Bomanahalli, Hosur Main Road, Bangalore-560 058
- Defendants

In view of the Recovery Certificate issued in TA No. 798/2017 (OA No.1735/2016) passed by the Presiding Officer, DRT, Bangalore an amount of **Rs. 8,23,17,204/-** (Rupees Eight Crores Twenty Three Lakhs Seventeen Thousand Two Hundred Four Only) is due against you along with interest and costs from date of filing of O.A.s till realization of the Recovery Certificate.

In addition to the sum aforesaid you will be liable to pay all charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due.

You are hereby called upon to deposit the amount within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, falling which the recovery shall be made as per rules.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on **26th day of April 2018.**

Sd/- Recovery Officer - 2,
Debts Recovery Tribunal -2,
Bengaluru

Note:

Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961, read with recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 which is reproduced below:

"Rule 16(1) Where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission or the Debt Recovery Officer, nor shall any Civil Court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money.

(2) Where an attachment has been made under this Schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt, dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment'

(3) You are also liable to disclose your assets both movable and immovable to this Tribunal along with the Income Tax Returns of last 5 year.

EXPRESS READ

$50,000 literary prize for best New York story

A new literary award with a $50,000 cash prize will honor those best at telling a New York story. The Gotham Literary Prize, announced Thursday, came out of a conversation between businessman-philathropist Bradley Tusk and political strategist Howard Wolfson, who told The Associated Press that they first thought of the award last year and saw a renewed urgency for it after the spread of the coronavirus. Wolfson befriended Tusk when both were working on the 2009 re-election campaign of Mayor Michael Bloomberg.

Toymaker Lego scraps aircraft model after backlash

Toymaker Lego said it had cancelled the launch of a model of a multi-purpose aircraft after critics pointed out it conflicted with the company's creed not to make toys out of "real military vehicles." The aircraft in question is the American Bell Boeing V-22 Osprey, an aircraft distinguished by its ability to turn its propellers vertically, making it in effect both a helicopter and an airplane.Lego's model, which was scheduled to launch on Aug 1, featured orange trims and "was designed to highlight the important role the aircraft plays in search and rescue." Lego's decision follows a campaign launched by the NGO German Peace Society - War Resisters United (DFG-VK).

Cancel culture is hot new point of debate among Twitterati

NEW YORK

CELEBRITIES, brands, leaders and ordinary people are all falling foul of "cancel culture," a movement that seeks to call out offensive behaviour but that critics denounce as excessive and contributing to political polarisation.

Whether it's a controversial tweet or video clip, social media users are quick to demand accountability -- but detractors say it can amount to online shaming.

"Cancel culture" involves a concerted effort to withdraw support for the figure or business that has said or done something objectionable until they either apologise or disappear from view.

Author JK Rowling, for comments deemed deeply insulting to transgender people; YouTuber Shane Dawson, for old videos of him in blackface; and singer Lana Del Rey, for a controversial Instagram post contrasting herself with black artists, have all been caught in the wave.

Brands are also being forced to react so as not to lose customers: for example, Uncle Ben's and Aunt Jemima for their use of African-American mascots widely considered to be racist caricatures that have long been taboo.

US singer Lana Del Rey and British author J K Rowling | AFP

Richard Ford, a law professor at California's Stanford University agrees that "some of the social media activism is constructive and legitimate" but also warns of "reflexive campaigns and crusades" online. "Activism on Twitter is easy: it takes a couple of seconds to attack someone or circulate a petition to have the person fired or ostracized," Ford told AFP.

The academic was one of roughly 150 personalities from the world of arts and sciences to sign a letter published on the Harper's magazine website earlier this month that complained that cancel culture was restricting debate.

However, many view the movement as giving a voice to people who previously didn't have one, allowing them to call out offensive behavior for the first time. *AFP*

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer Project South, South Zone Office Complex, 9th Main, 9th Cross, Jayanagar 2nd Block, Bangalore-560011

No.: EEP(S)/E-Procu/18/2020-21 Date : 23-07-2020

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)

(Two Cover System) (Through GoK e-Procurement Portal only)

The Executive Engineer, Project South, BBMP, Bengaluru on behalf of the Commissioner, BBMP invites tenders from eligible contractors for the below mentioned construction works.

Sl. No.	Name of the work	Appx. Amount Put to tender (Rs. in lakhs)	EMD (in Rs.)
1	Providing improvement works at Ram Rao layout in Ward No.163 (As per KW-3)	98.50	1,97,000/-

Calendar of Events: (1) Tender documents may be downloaded from GoK e-Procurement portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** (2) Date of submission of tender through e-procurement portal: **11.08.2020 upto 4.00 PM.** (3) Date of Pre-bid meeting: **30.07.2020 at 3.00 PM at above office.** (4) Date of opening of Technical Bid: **13.08.2020 at 4.30 PM.** (5) Date of Opening of Financial Bid: **17.08.2020 at 4.00 PM or After Technical Bid Approval.** Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours on working days or from website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Project South

"Pay development charges, help to develop Bengaluru"

CLASSIFIEDS

PUBLIC NOTICE
CHANGE OF NAME

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I, **V. SURYANARAYANA,** aged about 47 years, (Date of birth: 03/12/1972), S/o Shri H. Varadappa, Address: #197, SC Colony, Kambadur, Chennampalli, Ananthapur, Andhra Pradesh-515 621, do hereby state and declare that even though both the names **"V. SURYANARAYANA"** & **"H. NARAYANA"** refers to single person, that is myself only, but my correct name is **"V. SURYANARAYANA"** as per records, vide affidavit dated: 14/05/2020 duly sworn to before **Sri K.V. Ramasanjeevaiah,** Notary, Govt. of India, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

We, **V.V. BALU MAHESH** and **JAYASREE.T.K.,** R/a, No.343, 3rd Phase, 'O' Block, HMT Main Road, Platinum City, Yeshwanthpura, Bengaluru-560022, state that both the name's of our Son **NAKUL.T.K.** and **NAKUL MAHESH** belongs to same person & are one and the same, vide Affidavit dated: 22-07-2020, sworn before Advocate & Notary, N.Nagappa, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Naveenkumar VB S/o Byrappa VG Aged about 27 year Poojanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli Devahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural Dist. has changed my name to **SAGAR GOWDA V.B** vide affidavit dt:14/07/2020 sworn before H.Prakasha, Advocate & Notary, Devanahalli.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **ANOORADHA M.** W/o. **MINOR GANESAN,** D/o, Late GOVINDRAJ JAYARAMAN, presently residing at B-902, 9th Floor, Block B, DNR Reflection, Opp. Ibbalur Lake, HSR Extension, Ibbalur, Begur, Bangalore South, Karnataka - 560 102, state that my names, **G.J. ANOORATHA, G.J. ANOORADHA, ANOORATHA MINOR, J. ANURADHA, J. ANURATHA** are the variations of **ANOORADHA M.** (Final Name) sworn vide affidavit 219, dated: 23.07.2020 before Notary Peruvazhuthi, Bangalore.

Market Watch

268.96 ▲	Sensex	38,140.47	₹50 ▲	24 carat (1 gm)	₹5,020	₹3,050 ▲	Per kg ₹62,000
82.85 ▲	Nifty	11,215.45	₹50 ▲	22 carat (1 gm)	₹4,920	₹3.05 ▲	Per gm ₹62

FOREX
Dollar 74.76 ▼
Euro 86.60 ▲

Output-linked incentives soon for 5 more sectors

A mix of sunrise, export-oriented and affected sectors are proposed to be covered, says DEA

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @New Delhi

IN a bid to boost local manufacturing and attract new investments to labour-intensive productive sectors to lift the coronavirus-stricken economy, the Centre is working on a plan to offer production-linked incentives for five sectors, Department of Economic Affairs Secretary Tarun Bajaj said on Thursday. This will be in addition to similar concessions already announced for some sectors in the recent past.

Without naming which sectors will be given the incentives, Bajaj said "the industrial segments that will be chosen will be a mix of sunrise sectors, export-oriented sectors and sectors that are facing serious challenges due to the economic disruption". He was speaking at a virtual conference organised by Ficci.

Earlier this month, the government had announced production-linked incentives for large-scale electronic goods manufacturers to reduce dependence on imports from China. Incentives have also been announced for pharmaceutical companies for production of bulk drugs and on medical devices. Bajaj added the government will expand the scope of the MSME credit support scheme to benefit more people who are facing liquidity crisis due to protracted lockdowns and Covid-19 led restrictions.

Terming the economic growth in June and July "more promising than thought", he said the central government is expecting India to make a quick 'V' shaped economic recovery from the sharp fall in GDP growth caused by economic disruptions in the wake of the novel coronavirus pandemic.

"The 14 to 15 parameters we are tracking are showing promising results," Bajaj said.

However, the projections could go wrong if Covid-19 hits the country very hard, "which is highly unlikely", he added. He also conceded the government may not meet the Budget targets for 2020-21 due to the pandemic but claimed the contraction in economic growth may not be as severe as being pointed out by some experts.

Future Retail defaults on offshore bond dues

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @New Delhi

KISHORE Biyani-led Future Retail has sought re-opening of its credit line to save the company from a major debt crisis. Amid rising debt and a deteriorating business environment due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Future Retail has defaulted on payment of about ₹100-crore interest on foreign bonds leading to S&P Global Ratings warning that it would downgrade the retail firm to default category after 30 days. To avoid payment default, the company is also looking at advancing talks with the country's richest man Mukesh Ambani to sell part of its retail empire including its flagship Future Retail, said a source.

"Due to the nation-wide lock down imposed to restrict the spread of COVID-19 pandemic, and consequent restricted business operations of the company the liquidity position has been affected causing us to miss the service of the payment of interest due on the USD Notes (listed on Singapore Stock Exchange) on 22nd July, 2020," the company said in the exchange filing.

Technically, a payment default has not yet occurred under the indenture governing the notes, which provides a 30-day grace period, the rating firm said. "However, we could lower our preliminary rating on Future Retail to 'D' if we feel the company is unlikely to meet its commitment within this grace period. Even if Future Retail makes the coupon payment within the grace period, its weak liquidity will remain an overarching credit risk," warned S&P. The firm also expects its liquidity to improve with a potential equity recapitalisation, which could bring in a strategic investor. "However, our rating does not factor in such transactions because of limited clarity at this time," the rating firm added.

Pandemic worsens power sector crisis, dues soar by ₹19K cr during April, May

JONATHAN ANANDA @New Delhi

IT has been five years since the Ujjwal Discom Assurance Yojana (UDAY) was launched, meant to nurse the power sector back to health. But, recent audit reports show that discom losses had grown faster than earlier believed. With FY20 unlikely to have seen a change, the pandemic has only ensured that the sector is firmly back in deep crisis territory.

Discom dues have soared during the lockdown—April and May — accounting for a rise of nearly 20 per cent, or ₹19,250 crore. As of the end of May, discoms had payments worth ₹1.17 lakh crore due.

The Centre has rolled out a ₹90,000 crore relief programme, but analysts believe that this is little more than a

bandaid. One that already seems inadequate to the task.

On Thursday, Motilal Oswal Financial Services warned that fixing discom-level issues were of "great (and) urgent importance". These problems — from operational inefficiencies to low tariffs — all lead to a debilitating inability to pay suppliers on time, weakening players as far upstream as Coal India. The sharp fall in industrial demand due to renewed lockdowns is also expected to hit discoms very hard.

According to ICRA, all-India electricity demand may contract 5-6 per cent in FY21. MOFSL analysts note that low demand has impacted already "precarious" discom cash balances. But the pandemic is merely a catalyst. An audit report from sector financier Power Finance Corporation showed earlier this month shows that provisional estimates had sharply underestimated actual discom losses for previous fiscals. FY19's revised audited book losses now stand at ₹49,600 crore versus the earlier ₹28,000 crore — back at pre-UDAY levels. While the power ministry has estimated losses at ₹30,000 crore for FY20, ICRA expects discom losses to grow by as much as 66 per cent by end of this fiscal.

ASIANOMICS

INDONESIA

QUESTIONS ASEAN PACT AS FDI SINKS

Amid falling FDI, Southeast Asia's largest economy Indonesia may reconsider the benefits of the Asean Economic Community, according to its investment board BKPM. Indonesia registered a three per cent dip in FDI at $6.7 billion FDI in April-June quarter, excluding investment in banking and oil and gas, over last year ago official data showed. The decline was even sharper at 9.2 per cent during first quarter. On the other hand, FDI in Singapore held up despite the city-state posting a 41 per cent quarterly drop in its GDP in Q2, according to BKPM chief Bahlil Lahadalia."We must begin to rethink whether the ASEAN Economic Community has benefitted Indonesia," he added. ASEAN Economic Community was established in 2015 to integrate the economies of its 10 member states and counts free trade agreements as an economic block besides furthering integration in the economic sector, political security and socio-cultural matters.

JAPAN

JULY FACTORY ACTIVITY EXTENDS DECLINE

Japan's factory activity contracted for a 15th straight month in July, extending declines into Q3 and fading hopes of growth recovery. PMI rose to a seasonally adjusted 42.6 from a final 40.1 in June, followed by weakness in the services sector, which saw outstanding business, business expectations and employment conditions contract. Manufacturing index stayed below the 50 threshold that separates contraction from expansion for a 15th month, with overall output, new orders and employment all in decline again. "The Japanese economy continued to struggle at the start of Q3," said Joe Hayes, economist at IHS Markit, which compiles the survey. Japan's economy is forecast to shrink 5.3 per cent in 2020 — the largest contraction since comparable data became available in 1994. However, it's expected to pick up pace next year with a 3.3 per cent growth

BRUNEI

CSPC LOWERS ECONOMIC GROWTH FORECAST

The Centre for Strategic and Policy Studies (CSPS) has revised downwards Brunei's growth to 1-2 per cent in a report citing the COVID-19 pandemic and falling oil prices. It maintained that the economic outlook was stable but uncertain with Q2 growth set to see a sharp slowdown. "Downside risks to the outlook include a resurgence of (COVID-19) cases and renewed social distancing measures, as well as further declines in oil and gas prices that erode government revenues and hence set back fiscal spending," CSPS said. However, the think tank expects the economy to pick up in the second half of the year. In March, the Department of Economic Planning and Development had projected growth to rise between 4.9 and 7.1 per cent in the FY20-21, excluding the Covid impact. Meanwhile, in Q1, Brunei's economy grew 2.4 per cent YoY, with a major boost from production at the Hengyi refinery and aromatics plant on Pulau Muara Besar.

ACQUISITION

Flipkart forays into online wholesale

BISMAH MALIK @Bengaluru

HOMEGROWN e-commerce firm, Flipkart on Thursday announced its foray into online wholesale business with the launch of Flipkart Wholesale that will work with the country's local neighbourhood or *kirana* stores. Flipkart also announced 100 acquisition of Wal-Mart India Private Limited, which operates the Best Price cash-and-carry business across the country. Walmart India's acquisition will help Flipkart scale up its digital wholesale venture since the former entity has nearly 1.5 million customers in India.

Flipkart Wholesale will launch its operations in August 2020 and will pilot services for the grocery and fashion categories. It will be headed by Adarsh Menon, a veteran at Flipkart. Sameer Aggarwal, Chief Executive Officer at Walmart India, will remain with the company to ensure a smooth transition, after which he will move to another role within Walmart, the company said in a statement. With the acquisition, Walmart employees will join the Flipkart and the home office teams will integrate over the next year. The Best Price brand will continue to serve its members via its network of 28 stores and e-commerce operations.

"With the launch of Flipkart Wholesale, we will now extend our capabilities across technology, logistics and finance to small businesses across the country," Flipkart CEO Kalyan Krishnamurthy said.

Unilever to retain its tea biz in India, Indonesia

SESA SEN @New Delhi

AFTER a strategic review of its global tea business, Unilever on Thursday said it has decided to keep its operations in India and Indonesia intact, while separating the rest of the tea business into an independent entity. The decision comes at a time when the packaged consumer goods major has been failing to accelerate sales growth globally. However, its Indian unit — Hindustan Unilever (HUL) — has been growing exponentially. Currently, the company is the market leader controlling more than a fifth of India's tea segment.

"We will retain the tea businesses in India and Indonesia and the partnership interests in the ready-to-drink tea joint ventures. The balance of Unilever's tea brands and geographies and all tea estates have an exciting future, and this potential can best be achieved as a separate entity," the Anglo-Dutch company said. The tea portfolio, which includes brands such as Brooke Bond, Red Label, 3 Roses, Taaza, Taj Mahal and Lipton, is one of the largest within HUL's food and refreshment business and has delivered strong double-digits growth during the first quarter of the current financial year with consumption shifting 'In-home' and demand for immunity boosters rising.

"A process will now begin to implement the separation, which is expected to conclude by the end of 2021," it added.

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SpiceJet bags rights to operate India-US flights

ARSHAD KHAN @New Delhi

PRIVATE carrier SpiceJet has been designated as Indian carrier to operate on agreed services between India and the USA under the so-called "air bubble" arrangements. This is going be the first time when SpiceJet will make a flight to the USA, marking a big step in the airline's 16-year journey.

"This is to inform you that in terms of the Air Services Agreement between the Government of India and the Government of the United States of America, SpiceJet has been designated as Indian scheduled carrier to operate on agreed services between India and the USA," SpiceJet said in a statement on Thursday.

AIR BUBBLE FLIGHTS

Air bubble arrangements with the US, UAE, France have been made while a similar deal is being worked out with others

Ajay Singh, hairman & Managing Director, SpiceJet said: "This would help us plan for our international expansion in a much better and calibrated manner." SpiceJet is now the second carrier from India that would fly to and from the United States.

The other one being national carrier Air India. Earlier, Jet Airways also used to fly between India and USA through code sharing before it announced bankruptcy in April last year.

'50% of entry-level recruits in TCS are women'

EXPRESS expressions — FEAR NONE. FAVOUR NONE

THE COVID-19-led disruption has transformed our homes into workplaces, which is being described as a silver lining for women in order to increase their participation in the workforce. However for the country's largest IT service provider — Tata Consultancy Services — women already comprise 50 per cent of the entry-level recruits, ***K Ananth Krishnan, Chief Technology Officer, TCS*** said in a live Webchat with ***Kaveree Bamzai, Author and Senior journalist and S Vaidhyasubramaniam, vice-chancellor, SASTRA Deemed University*** as part of TNIE's Express Expressions, a series of live web casts with people who matter.

The TCS CTO said that over the past 5-7 years women have constituted 50 per cent of the total number of entry-level recruits and one-third of the company's overall workforce. On the productivity front, Krishnan said that it will be too early to predict whether the Work from home model has achieved the desired targets. "We can come clear on the productivity part in next three months," he added.

Mumbai-headquartered TCS has, infact, pioneered the remote work model by announcing its 25-25 plan, which aims at having only 25 per cent of its workforce in offices by 2025. Explaining the same, Krishnan said that the assessment has been made based on the current work strategy and going forward, the company's 25 per cent of the employees may need to be in office by 2025 to achieve 100 per cent productivity. He added that the company's Annual General meeting with shareholders as well as quarterly earnings meetings were held virtually recently.

"Abput 97 per cent of the TCS global workforce is still working from home. In India, 99 per cent of our employees are working remotely. We can gradually build this upto 5-10% depending on the employee comfort, local regulations, given we are able to run our businesses," Krishnan said. Currently, TCS has a 4.5 lakh strong workforce.

On being asked whether the onboarding of new employees has posed a challenge in a remote work culture environment, the TCS CTO said that the company has already onboarded many management graduates and will be recruiting new hires from IIT's for TCS research. "Entire recruitment is happening while sitting at homes. We have identified challenges, which will scale in next few months when more people are brought on board." he added. Krishnan believes that remote working was a possibility in the tech sector even before Covid-19.

TODAY'S STOCK PICK

Current Price ₹2,212.95

Target Price ₹2,475

HUL

Hindustan Unilever's decision to rebrand Fair & Lovely is a welcome step. Also, gain in market share in 80% of its portfolio in Q1FY21, despite the disruption demonstrates HUL's strength vs peers. We remain positive on HUL from a medium-term perspective due to (a) best of breed earnings growth potential beyond the near term owing to its portfolio and execution strengths, (b) synergies in FY22E as a result of GSKCH, and its RoCE being well ahead of peers.

— Motilal Oswal Securities Limited

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DIGITAL INDIA

UPI transactions grow 785% in 4 months, says PCI-PWC report

BISMAH MALIK @Bengaluru

INDIA'S digital payments industry has been growing at a jet speed, thanks to homegrown United Payments Interface (UPI) which has now reached a billion transactions a month. A report released by the Payments Council of India (PCI) and PWC PriceWaterHouseCoopers (PWC) at the Global Fintech Fest on Thursday shows that UPI has grown at a Compounded Annual Growth rate (CAGR) of 785 per cent in volume and 570 per cent in value terms from financial year (FY) 2017 to FY20.

The COVID-19 pandemic has only accelerated the need for adoption of digital modes of payment in India where conventional banking is still at the heart of the financial sector. With global transaction value for digital payments expected to reach $12.4 trillion by 2025, India is expected to contribute 2.2 per cent of the world's digital payment market by 2023 alone, according to the report. India's UPI platform is estimated to reach nearly 59 billion in volume in three years owing to its high penetration of its peer-to-peer transaction.

Among the various modes of digital payments, the report noted that Bharat QR and Bharat Interface for Money (BHIM) QR has also gained significant traction in the Indian market. Bharat bill payment system (BBPS) has shown remarkable growth with a CAGR of 1,590 per cent in volume and 1,650 per cent in value from FY17 to FY20. It further said that Aadhar-enabled payment system (AEPS) has been a game changer for the government witnessing a 253 per cent increase in transaction volume. As the pandemic necessitates the contactless mode in almost every sector, the businesses have integrated their online and offline channels for omnichannel experience to customers. The report suggests that the digital payments sector is heading for a V shaped recovery.

Business & Beyond

South Eastern Railway takes care of passenger amenities

South Eastern Railway has taken major initiatives for maintenance of passenger amenities at all stations in its jurisdiction despite suspension of passenger services in the wake of Covid-19. Though passenger movement at stations has been done in a restricted manner yet the maintenance works are being continued regularly.

ECR inaugurates SAMAGRA app

The Samastipur division of East Central Railway (ECR) in Bihar has developed a passenger and employee-friendly app — SAMAGRA, to provide information related to journey as well as other passenger services.

LINC launches Pentonic-Covid-19 Killer

As the world looks for nifty ways to protect themselves in the battle against Covid-19, Linc Pen and Plastics Limited has announced the launch of a gizmo of the future – the Pentonic Covid-19 Killer. The instrument is a finger-free touch device designed to avoid contact with surfaces and 70% ethanol-based ink of the marker sterilizes surfaces.

Brahmins: A tradition of commitment

For Brahmins, commitment is the chief ingredient, be it delivering quality or doing their bit for society. Brahmins had adopted Covid-19 protocols in production units to ensure a smooth food supply. The factories were completely sanitised, masks and sanitizers were provided to ensure safety. "Since Kerala is going through unprecedented situation, we consider it our duty to reach out to people" said Brahmins Group CMD V. Vishnu Namboothiri.

Brahmins a vegetarian promise touch

Indian mixed relay team's Asiad silver upgraded to gold

The Indian 4x400m mixed relay team's silver in the 2018 Asian Games has been upgraded to gold following the disqualification of original winners Bahrain on account of a doping ban handed to one of its runners Kemi Adekoya. The Indian quartet of Mohammed Anas, MR Poovamma, **Hima Das** and Arokia Rajiv had clocked 3:15:71 behind Bahrain (3:11:89).

TRUST IN GIRL POWER

WV Raman talks to **Ashok Venugopal** on a side that is young & full of promise

Indian women's team chief coach WV Raman is happy with the resumption of international cricket. He believes one needs to adapt to bowl without using saliva and adds that a conditioning camp for the women's team is needed before they start playing. Excerpts...

EXPRESS ILLUSTRATION

How do you look at the resumption of cricket with the England-West Indies Test series?
It was obviously exciting as people were starved of cricket for a while and sports can always play a major role in lifting the spirits of everyone by providing entertainment. While this series has provided reassurance that cricket can be conducted, I am sure administrators across the world will be deliberating on the modalities of hosting cricket, men's or women's, depending on the prevailing situation.

The bio-bubble concept has worked in England. Can it be applied in women's cricket too?
The organisation of an event will require different needs and different challenges will have to addressed. So one cannot say for sure that what works for one event will necessarily be suitable for another. It is a matter of constantly monitoring the situation and improvising, based on the needs and challenges at that point.

How do you look at the ban on saliva. How tough will it be for our women cricketers to adjust?
We saw fast bowlers take wickets in the England-West Indies series. This means bowlers will work out how to adapt to the change in rules. It is too early to say, but there were indications that the extent of swing was lesser. But ultimately, it is going to be about the skill level of the individuals.

Some former cricketers feel one can get reverse swing by using sweat and maintaining the ball. Do you agree?
The ability to produce reverse swing has always been skill based. For example, you might see six fast bowlers bowling in a Test match under similar conditions, but only three-four of them might produce reverse swing. So, if bowlers who produced reverse swing during their times believe using sweat will enable the current bowlers to produce reverse swing, it needs to be respected.

How do you look at the current lot of women cricketers in our country when compared to England and Australia?
I am never one to compare, as the challenge is always about an individual looking to raise the bar all the time. So in a way, one is always competing with oneself. That being the case, it is not only difficult to compare nations, but it might also be a futile exercise.

Like our men's teams of yesteryears, our current women's team has lots of spinners. Do you think spin is our strength? Which spinner has impressed you?
Spin, at least for the time being, is the strength of the Indian women's team. We are working on identifying a pool of fast bowlers, but developing them to measure up to the demands of international cricket will take time.

Q&A

Does having a spin coach in Narendra Hirwani help our spinners play to potential?
Hirwani has had a positive impact on the bowlers he has worked with, primarily because he is highly experienced and has coached bowlers across different age groups and levels. His tactical inputs helped the girls anticipate the challenges that they could possibly need to counter on the field. His contribution was critical to make the girls constantly think about different scenarios and how to counter them.

Who are the youngsters in the team you are impressed with? What are the areas that the team needs to improve?
I'm not going to name X or Y, but the key thing is that the youngsters came to the fore during the World Cup and that is encouraging. Asking me to mention the areas needed to improve after lockdown would require me to be good in crystal ball reading, something that I confess that I am not good at.

Our players have been undergoing fitness training for four months. Do you think we need a short camp before a tour, or when the situation improves, to shed the rust?
Their training protocols have been highly restricted, as they had to make do with whatever facilities and equipment were available. They will need time to get back to their peak form, both in terms of skills and fitness, for which a camp will be useful.

What is your mantra for taking the team forward and making it the No 1 side in the world?
Create a young team that will play together in the next 6-8 years and if that is achieved, India will dominate in the years to come.

Do you believe women can take up cricket as a profession in our country?
A girl taking up cricket as a profession is something that can be viewed with a lot more optimism now, than say, probably 10 years ago. However, the focus must be on excelling and producing consistent results.

RED REDEMPTION

Liverpool's Jordan Henderson holds the Premier League trophy aloft after it was presented following their match against Chelsea at Anfield on Wednesday. The Reds, who won 5-3 on the day, ended their 30-year-wait for league title this term | AP

EXPRESS READ

Archer in squad for third Test

MANCHESTER: Jofra Archer was recalled on Thursday to England's squad for their series decider against the West Indies despite saying he might not play following racist abuse he received after being left out of the second Test for a breach of coronavirus regulations. "I need to be 100 percent mentally right so that I can throw myself into my cricket this week," fast bowler Archer wrote in his Daily Mail column published on Wednesday. "If I play and don't bowl 90 miles an hour it's going to be news," he added. Barbados-born quick Archer, however, was back in England's 14-man squad for Friday's Test at Old Trafford, with the three-match series all square at 1-1. Following the publication of his Mail column, it is understood Archer, 25, told the England management he was fit to play. —AFP

LIVE ON SONY PICTURES NETWORKS, 3.30 PM

Wrestlers yet to get full contractual fees

FIROZ MIRZA @ Chennai

AMID much fanfare, the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) announced annual central contracts for Indian wrestlers in November 2018. The WFI graded 24 senior grapplers in five categories for the central contracts, which came into effect from November 15, 2018.

Unfortunately, after more than one-and-half-years since the announcement and expiry of the contracted period, the graded wrestlers have not been paid their dues fully. Besides, their annual contracts have also not been renewed so far.

The initiative was aided by Sporty Solutionz, WFI's commercial partner. A total of 144 wrestlers including juniors were beneficiaries of the scheme "I got two cheques so far. The sum of these cheques is half the amount of my contract fee," one of the country's leading wrestlers told this daily. "Ever since I signed the contract in 2018, I didn't hear anything from the federation on the renewal," added the wrestler.

Placed in the category 'A', Bajrang Punia, Vinesh Phogat and Pooja Dhanda were the top beneficiaries with the annual retainership of ₹30 lakh each. Sushil Kumar and Sakshi Malik were in group B with the contractual fee of ₹20 lakh each. Each wrestler from C, D and E categories was supposed to receive ₹10 lakh, ₹5 lakh and ₹3 lakh respectively. Apart from them, the WFI has placed 120 boys and girls in grades F, G, H and I.

The WFI, however, claimed wrestlers are getting their contractual fees. "Yes, they are getting the contracted amount. The annual contracts are up for renewal but due to lockdown, it could not be processed," Vinod Tomar, WFI's assistant secretary, said.

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No. 903/SEE/Tr.(W&M)/EE(O)/AEE-1/20-21/1953-64 Date: 23.07.2020
TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through E-Procurement mode only)
KPTCL invites tender on **Partial Turnkey basis** against **Bid Enquiry No. KPTCL/SEE/EE/AEE-1/19-20/100KV/STN-5/ Dambal/4** for Augmentation of 1x10 MVA, 110/33kV Transformer by 1x20 MVA, 110/33 kV Transformer at Dambal 110/33/11 kV Sub-station in Mundaragi Taluk, Gadag District including supply of equipments/materials, erection, civil works, testing and commissioning.
The detailed notification can be obtained by logging onto e-procurement website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **24.07.2020.** Other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.
Sd/- **Superintending Engineer (Ele), Transmission (W&M) Circle,**
KPTCL, Vidyuthnagar, Hubballi - 24. Ph/Fax: 0836-2203094.

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CIN No.U27310WB1920GOI003601
"KANKARIA CENTRE", (4TH & 5TH FLOOR), 2/1, RUSSEL STREET, KOL-71
NOTICE INVITING eTender.: e (NIT) NO. : MAT(P) / ERE / 61010 / SS Tube IBR / 182 DTD. 24.07.20
ON-LINE Bid(s) in Two - Part system are invited by Bridge and Roof Co. (India) Limited for Manufacturing, Testing, Inspection, Supply & Delivery of Pre-insulated SS Tubing from the Steam supply distribution manifold outlet upto the traced pipe & from the traced pipe to the Condensate Recovery manifold including supply of all materials i.e. pre insulated tube, tube connectors (including adaptor for joining tube with CS pipe), tube fittings, clamps, supports etc.; including supervision for tube bending, cutting, end preparation, making connections, installation, supporting etc. as per specification (B018-6-44-0022), manufacturer specification, standard & guidelines etc. with all other tools and tackles including bending/crimping tools, sealing kits etc., skilled manpower including adequate prevention from dust contamination etc. to complete the work in all respect at all elevations as per the directions of the Engineer In charge.SIZE: 0.5 INCHES WITH ALL ACCESSORIES COMPLETE IN ALL RESPECT FOR OUR HMEL, DFC UNIT PROJECT SITE , PHULLOKHARI, BATHINDA, PUNJAB.
Interested Bidder(s) will have to be enrolled & registered with the Government e-Procurement System; through logging on to http://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app
Last Date of submission of offer is 03.08.2020 upto 16:00 Hours.
Corrigendum / Addendum, if any shall be hosted in Company's website:www.bridgeroof.co.in & CPP Portal http://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app only.

KRISHNA BHAGYA JALA NIGAM LIMITED
(A Govt. of Karnataka Undertaking)
Office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL,
Dam Division, Almatti, Tq: Basavana Bagewadi, Dist: Vijayapur.
Ph. No: 08426-281027, e-mail ID : dam_division@rediffmail.com
NO: KBJNL/DDA/DB/TND/WP/2020-21/996. Dated: 22.07.2020
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through E-Procurement Portal Only)
On behalf of the Managing Director, KBJNL, Bangalore the undersigned invites tender on percentage basis from the eligible contractors for the work of **(1) Indent No. 18083 for Rs. 52.01 Lakhs. The contractor can have access and submit e-tender from 23.07.2020 to 05.08.2020 up to 5:00 PM. Cover-I will be opened on 07.08.2020 at 11:00AM Cover-II will be opened on 12.08.2020 at 11:00AM** at the Office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL, Dam Division, Almatti. For clarifications office of the undersigned may be contacted during office hours (Phone No. 08426-281027). Further information about electronic tendering can be had from **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**
Sd/- Executive Engineer,
DIPR/Vijayapura/194/JA/2020-21 KBJNL, Dam Division, Almatti

The Brihanmumbai Electric Supply & Transport Undertaking
(Of The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation)
TENDER NOTICE
e-tender are re-invited for the supply of following items.
(1) 67924 (Corrigendum).
Note : For more details, log on to website **https://mahatenders.gov.in.**
PRO/AAM(M)/28/2020. **GENERAL MANAGER**

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(VARAHI HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT)
CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919
e-Tender No.: KPCL/2020-21/IND3627/CALL-3 Date: 20.07.2020
ABSTRACT BID NOTIFICATION
(Through e-procurement platform)
Bids in two parts are invited through e-Procurement portal for **"for Supply of Mefron-22 (Freon-22) Refregerant Gas for Air Conditioning System for Varahi Under Ground Power House, Hosangadi-576 282"** The details of NIT & tender document can be seen on website: **https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** The bids will be received through e-Procurement portal mode only. Last date for receipt of completed bids is **27.07.2020 up to 16.00 Hrs** with an EMD **of Rs. 3,455/-** & Tender processing fee has to be made as per e-procurement Portal. Date of opening of Part-I (Pre-qualification & Technical Bid) is **28.07.2020 at 16.15 Hrs** and date of opening of Part-II (Price Bid) of the qualified bidders is **29.07.2020 at 10.00 Hrs or on later date.** For Further details contact **Executive Engineer (MSP)H, VHEP, KPCL, Hosangadi-576282, Kundapur (T), Udupi(D), Karnataka. Phone/ Mobile: +91-8259-288643, +91-9449598832, KPCL Website: www.karnatakapower.com https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in Helpdesk: 080-25501216/25501227.**

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(KALINADI HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT)
CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919
No.:KPCL/2020-21/AUCTION143 Date: 21.07.2020
E-AUCTION NOTIFICATION
(Through e-Procurement portal only)
KPCL invites bids from reputed bidders for tender cum e-auction for the **"Sale of scrap materials & released scrap oil at Nagjhari Power House, KPCL Store, Ambikanagar."** EMD: Rs. **9,423/-(Variable),** E-Auction Date: **25.08.2020, 09.00 Hrs. to 17.30 hrs.** The interested parties may participate in e-auction for the scrap materials as detailed in schedule, online submitting required documents and paying EMD through GoK e-procurement portal only after registering in the e-procurement portal. The Bid Notification along with terms and conditions will be accessible in the e-procurement website **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** Corrigendum / Modification/ Corrections, if any, will be published in the e-procurement website only. Aspiring bidders/ contractors who have not obtained the user ID and password for participating in e-procurement in KPCL may obtain the same from GoK e-procurement cell at e-Procurement Cell, Centre for e-Governance, Room No.141, Gate No. 2, M S Building, Bangalore – 560 001, Phone: 080-2237 1090, 2237 3788. Further details can be had from the office of the Executive Engineer (MSP)A, KPCL, Ambikanagar-581 363, Haliyal Taluk, Karwar Dist. Ph.: 08284-258681 / 9449599113 during office working hours & for assistance may contact e-Proc Help desk: +91-80-23010900/01 +91-80-38013000.

BENGALURU COOPERATIVE MILK UNION LIMITED
Dr. M.H. MARIGOWDA ROAD, BENGALORE-560029.
No. BMU/MARKETING/E-TENDER/315/2020-21 Date: 20.07.2020
NANDINI PARLOUR TENDER NOTIFICATION
Bengaluru Co-op Milk Union Ltd., Invites Two Cover System tender for their Parlours situated in Bengaluru Dairy premises & Goutham nagar, RBI Layout for the period of 2 years from the interested individuals through E-Procurement portal.

a	Access to E-tender Documents	24.07.2020 to 23.09.2020 up to 5 PM
b	Last date & time for tender Clarification	22.09.2020 up to 5 PM
c	Last date for submission Tender/Quoting	23.09.2020 up to 5 PM
d	Technical Tender Opening Date & Time	25.09.2020 Morning 11.00 AM
e	Commercial Tender Opening Date & Time	28.09.2020 Morning 11.00 AM
f	Place of opening of Technical and Commercial Tender	Bengaluru Co-op. Milk Union Ltd., Board Room

The earnest money deposit (EMD) & Tender Processing Fee modes of e-payment as mentioned in **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** file.
Note : (1) It is a 2 Cover Tender. The Tenderer should provide all the Eligibility criteria in the Technical tender along with supporting documents. (2) After opening of Technical tender, the documents will be verified and eligible Bidders will be considered for Commercial Tender.
Sd/- **Managing Director,**
Tender Inviting Authority,
Bangalore Co-op Milk Union Ltd.,

TUMKUR CO-OPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS SOCITIES UNION LTD.,
N.H. 206, B.H. ROAD, MALLASANDRA, TUMKUR – 572 107.
PHONE:0816-2206464, +91 9448032886. Email: production.td.tmu@gmail.com
NO:TMU:PRODN:67/N/PART-IX/2020-21 DATE:23.07.2020
INVITATION FOR TENDER (KMF) (Tender Notification)
The Tumkur Co-Operative Milk Producers Societies Union Ltd., Tumkur invites E-procurement tenders from eligible tenderers for Procurement of service of Insulated Road milk Tankers Of different capacities for transportation of liquid milk from Tumkur Milk Union to other dairies within Karnataka and Outside Karnataka for a period of two years on Biennial rate contract basis as mentioned below:

PART-A (only through E-PROCURMENT)	
E-PROCUREMWNT TENDER NO	IFT No: KMF/TCMU/PRODN/009/2020-21
WORK DESCRIPTION : 1. Procurement of service of Insulated Road milk Tankers Of different capacities for transportation of liquid milk from Tumkur Milk Union to other dairies within Karnataka and Outside Karnataka (Including Bombay Market Area Transportation) for a period of two years on Biennial rate contract basis as per Technical terms and conditions of the Tender Documents.	

PART –B (only through E-PROCUREMENT)		
Sl. No.	DESCRIPTION	DATE/TIME
01	Tender upload date	20-07-2020
02	Last date & time for receipt of tenders	19-08-2020 / 2.00 P.M
03	Time & date of opening of technical tender bid	24-08-2020 / 2.30 P.M
04	Web Site Address For E-tender: **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**	

For Tumkur Co-operative Milk Union Ltd.,
Sd/- MANAGING DIRECTOR

SOUTHERN RAILWAY
Senior Divisional Mechanical Engineer, Southern Railway, Palakkad - 678002 (Sr.DME/PGT) acting for and on behalf of President of India, invites E-Tenders through E-tender portal https://**www.ireps.gov.in.** Tenderer(s) intending to participate in the e-tender need to get enrolled in e-Tender portal. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored.

1	Tender Notice Number and date	12-MECH-PGT-2020 dated 22.07.2020
2	Name of work	Hiring of lorry for transportation of bogies with wheel sets from Perambur shops to Shoranur Junction and back for a period of 24 months
3	Advertised value	₹ 3,41,12,232/- (Rupees Three crore forty one lakhs twelve thousand two hundred and thirty two only)
4	Earnest Money	₹ 3,20,600/- (Rupees Three lakhs twenty thousand and six hundred only)
5	Cost of tender form	₹ 11,800.00 (Rupees Eleven thousand and eight hundred only)
6	Completion period of work	24 months
7	Tender Closing Date and Time	18-08-2020 at 11.00 hrs
8	Web address	https://www.ireps.gov.in

Further details can be obtained from the above website.
Senior Divisional Mechanical Engineer, Palghat.
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KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN:U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No: EEE/TL&SS/DBP/AEE/AE/2020-21/551 Date: 22.07.2020
TENDER NOTIFICATION
KPTCL invites following office tenders pertaining to Transmission Lines and S/s Division, Doddaballapura.
1. Arresting of oil leakage of 8MVA Spec make Power Transformers 2 nos at 66/11kV Gundamgere.
2. Supply of 11kV indoor CT of ratio 400-200/1-1A – 2nos at 66/11kV Chikkaballapura IA.
3. Supply of stationeries to KIADB and CBpura nodal centers at various substations at TL&SS division, Doddaballapura.
4. Supply of Copper terminal lugs and Aluminum lugs to stations coming under KIADB Nodal Center, in TL&SS division, Doddaballapura.
5. Supply of Copper terminal lugs to stations coming under Chikkaballapura Nodal Center, in TL&SS division, Doddaballapura
6. Supply of Male and Female GOS contacts to Stations coming under KIADB Nodal Center, in TL&SS division, Doddaballapura.
7. Supply of Male and Female GOS contacts to Stations coming under Chikkaballapura Nodal Center, in TL&SS division, Doddaballapura.
8. Supply of various types of clamps to 220/66kV NRS Doddaballapura.
9. Supply of oil cooled Neutral Current Transformer ratio 1200-800/1-1A outdoor type at 66/11kV Jadigenahalli.
10. Overhauling of OLTC of NGEF make of 12.5MVA power transformer-1 at 66/11kV Gudibande S/s
11. Arresting of oil leakage of 8MVA Ashoka make and 8MVA EMCO make power transformer-2 nos at 66/11kV D Palya.
12. Arresting of oil leakage of 20MVA power transformer RIMA make at 220/66/11kV R/s Gowribidanur.
13. Overhauling of 66kV GOS contacts- 7nos at 66/11kV S/s D Palya
14. Refilling of various types of existing Fire extinguishers at 66/11kV Vidhurashwatha S/s
15. Supply of silica gel granules with breather in 66/11kV Peresandra.
16. Supply of Electrical resistance polymer insulating mats (with ISI mark) at 220/66/11kV R/s Gowribidanur.
17. Cartridge refilling of work center-5050 make Xerox machine at 220/66/11kV R/s Gowribidanur.

Enquiry details may be obtained from the office of the undersigned **from 24.07.2020 at 10:00 Hrs onwards.** Further details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.
Sd/- Executive Engineer (El)
TL&SS Division, KPTCL, Doddaballapura-562163

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Amid the pandemic, NASA's Mars 2020 Perseverance rover mission, scheduled to launch on July 30, has cleared its Flight Readiness Review which is an important milestone on its way to the launch pad, the US space agency announced on Wednesday.

EXFILE

VENUS' RING OF FIRE

A new study published in the journal *Nature Geoscience* has identified 37 recently active volcanic structures on Venus. The study provides some of the best evidence yet that Venus is still a geologically active planet. We take a look

YOUNGER SURFACE

- Scientists are of the opinion that Venus has a younger surface than planets like Mars and Mercury, which have cold interiors
- Evidence of a warm interior and geologic activity dots the surface of the planet
- These are in the form of ring-like structures known as coronae
- Coronae are formed when plumes of hot material deep inside the planet rise through the mantle layer and crust
- This is similar to the way mantle plumes formed the volcanic Hawaiian Islands

RECENTLY ACTIVE

It was previously thought that the coronae on Venus were probably signs of ancient activity and Venus had cooled enough to slow geological activity in the planet's interior and harden the crust so much that any warm material from deep inside would not be able to puncture through

UNKNOWN ACTIVITY

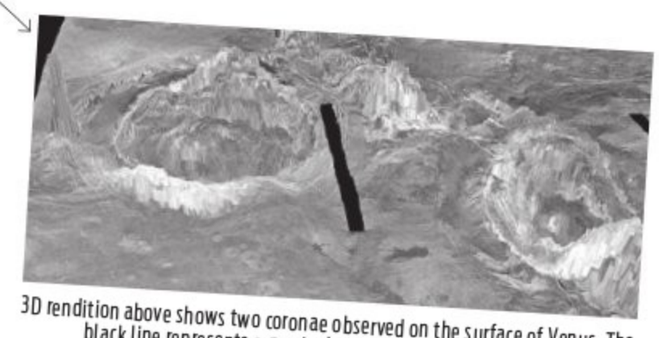
Exact processes by which mantle plumes formed coronae on Venus and the reasons for variation among coronae have been matters for debate

This is the first time we are able to point to specific structures and say 'look, this is not an ancient volcano but one that is active today, dormant perhaps, but not dead

Laurent Montesi, co-author of the research paper

STUDY METHODOLOGY

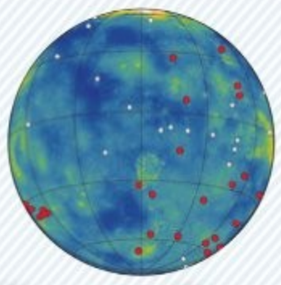
For the current study, researchers used numerical models of thermo-mechanic activity beneath the surface of Venus to create high-resolution, 3D simulations of coronae formation



3D rendition above shows two coronae observed on the surface of Venus. The black line represents a gap in data | UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

FINDINGS

- Researchers were able to identify features that are present only in recently active coronae
- The team was then able to match those features to those observed on the surface of Venus
- This revealed that some of the variation in coronae across the planet represents different stages of geological development
- The study provides the first evidence that coronae on Venus are still evolving, indicating that the interior of the planet is still churning



ONGOING ACTIVITY INACTIVE

ACTIVE PLANET

The active coronae on Venus are clustered in a handful of locations. This suggests areas where the planet is most active, providing clues to the workings of the planet's interior

HELP IN FUTURE MISSIONS

These results may help identify target areas where geological instruments should be placed on future missions to Venus, such as Europe's EnVision that is scheduled to launch in 2032

How coronavirus is mutating decoded

Study notes that the process may not be random and that humans are altering it as part of a defence mechanism to degrade the virus

NEW FINDINGS

LONDON: While some mutations in the novel coronavirus are directed by the human immune system proteins which degrade it, a new study says the virus is able to bounce back, findings that may help in the design of new vaccines against Covid-19.

According to the researchers, while all organisms mutate, the process is usually random, often owing to mistakes made when the genetic material is copied.

In the case of the novel coronavirus SARS-CoV-2, the study, published in *Molecular Biology and Evolution*, noted that the process may not be random and that humans are mutating it as part of a defence mechanism to degrade the virus.

The scientists assessed over 15,000 virus genomes from all of the sequencing efforts around the world, and identified over 6,000 mutations.

They looked at how much the sequence of four basic molecules that make up the virus' genetic code — Adenine (A), Cytosine (C), Uracil (U), and Guanine (G) — was mutating.

The researchers discovered that the virus genome sample data they analysed had a very high rate of mutations generating U residues.

"I have looked at mutational profiles for many organisms and they all show some sort of

bias, but I've never seen one as strong and strange as this," said study senior author Laurence Hurst, Director of the Milner Centre for Evolution at the University of Bath.

In particular, the scientists found that mutation very commonly generated UU neighbouring pairs, changing from the original sequence of CU and UC. They said this is a fingerprint of the mutational profile of a human protein called APOBEC that can mutate viruses.

"It looks like mutation isn't random, but instead we are attacking the virus by mutating it," Hurst said.

By looking at the actual composition of the virus and by comparing between different sorts of sites within the virus, researchers found evidence that natural selection or the 'survival of the fittest' process of evolution, is allowing the virus to fight back against the mutational process.

They said copies of the virus which are able to resist the human immune system's efforts to mutate it in a specific way could be differentially surviving and reproducing better.

From the mutational profile of the virus, scientists predicted that 65 per cent of the residues should be a U and 40 per cent should be UU pairs, but in practice, they said the U content is much lower, and UU content is just about a quarter of that predicted.

"This could be because the viruses that have too much U in them simply don't survive well enough to reproduce. We estimate that for every 10 mutations that we see, there are another six we never get to see because those mutant viruses are too poor at propagating," Hurst explained.

Based on these findings, the scientists said humans are attacking the virus to mutate it in a manner that degrades the virus, adding that this has implications for some vaccine designs.

Russia sends cargo ship to space station

DELIVERY MISSION

MOSCOW: An uncrewed Russian cargo ship lifted off on Thursday to deliver a load of supplies to the International Space Station.

The Progress MS-15 was launched on schedule from Russia's Baikonur launch complex in Kazakhstan. It has successfully reached a designated orbit and is set to dock at the station later in the day. The ship is carrying about three tonnes of fuel, water, food, medicine and other supplies.

The station is currently operated by NASA astronaut Chris Cassidy and Russian crewmates Anatoly Ivanishin and Ivan Vagner.

SPACE EXPLORATION: CHINA SENDS ROVER IN RACE TO REACH RED PLANET

MISSION RED PLANET

BEIJING: China launched its most ambitious Mars mission yet on Thursday in a bold attempt to join the US in successfully landing a spacecraft on the Red Planet.

Engines blazing orange, a Long March-5 carrier rocket took off under clear skies from Hainan Island, south of China's mainland. Hundreds of space enthusiasts cried out excitedly on a beach across the bay from the launch site.

Launch commander Zhang Xueyu announced to cheers in the control room that the rocket was flying normally about 45 minutes later. "The Mars rover has accurately entered the scheduled orbit," he said in brief remarks shown live on

state broadcaster *CCTV*.

China's space agency said that the rocket carried the probe for 36 minutes before successfully placing it on the looping path that will take it beyond Earth's orbit and eventually into Mars' more distant orbit around the sun.

Liu Tongjie, spokesman for the mission, said in a press briefing that the launch was a "key step of China marching towards farther deep space." He said that China's aim wasn't to compete with other countries, but to peacefully explore the universe.

It marked the second flight to Mars this week, after a UAE orbiter blasted off on a rocket from Japan on Monday. And the US is aiming to launch Perseverance.

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Cutting TV time to 2 hrs a day can reduce risk of diseases

SEDENTARY LIFESTYLE

LONDON: Adults could minimise their exposure to health risks associated with the sedentary activity of watching TV if they limit the viewing time to two hours a day, according to a new UK study published on Thursday.

The research, led by the University of Glasgow and published in *Mayo Clinic Proceedings*, studied data to find that the majority of health risks associated with too much TV time could be reduced if people limited their viewing time to two hours a day, or less. The researchers found that the lowest overall health risks from diseases including cancers and cardiovascular disease were associated with viewing TV for two hours or less per day.

Further analysis as part of the study, entitled *Understanding how much TV is too much: A non-linear analysis of the association between television viewing time and adverse health outcomes*, estimated that 6 per cent of all-deaths and 8 per cent of cardiovascular deaths were attributable to TV time.

They also showed that potentially, if all participants limited TV time to two hours a day, 5.62 per cent of all deaths and 7.97 per cent of deaths due to cardiovascular disease could have been prevented or delayed.

"TV time is just one of a number of potentially sedentary behaviours, which also includes screen time watching videos on your phone, which may all contribute to adverse health outcomes," said Dr Hamish Foster from the University of Glasgow's Institute of Health and Wellbeing, who led the study.

The researchers also looked at the potential benefits of substituting TV time with healthier activities such as walking.

They found that those who would benefit most from replacing longer periods of TV time with more time spent doing healthier activities, are those who currently only spend very small amounts of their day doing those healthier activities.

In order to understand the risks, the researchers examined lifestyle and demographic data from 4,90,966 UK Biobank participants aged 37-73 years, who were recruited between 2006-2010.

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